

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

1. To Jordan came the Christ, Our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
2. O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The baptism of His blessing.
3. These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heaven came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."
4. There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The Triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.
5. To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this my invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."
6. But woe to those who cast aside  
This grace to freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
And they are lost forever.  
Eternal death their portion.
7. All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing.  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.