

059--Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
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1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.
3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And joy and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
From hill to valley flow.
4. Arabia's desert ranger  
To Him shall bow the knee,  
The Ethiopian stranger  
His glory come to see;  
With offerings of devotion  
Ships from the isles shall meet  
To pour the wealth of ocean  
In tribute at His feet.
5. Kings shall bow down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all peoples sing;  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend,  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
6. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever, --  
That name to us is Love.

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