

## First hymn

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.

He comes with succour 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.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, 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.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

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 for ever;  
that name to us is Love.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854 Tune: Crüger*

*After the Reading the Choir will sing Psalm 29 all join in the response:*

**May the Lord bless his people bless his people with peace**

## After a reflection on the Gospel

*We renew our Baptismal promises*

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The water in a large jug or pitcher is blessed*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*As the water is sprinkled over us we reflect on our baptism and God's  
love and life poured out generously upon us*

*The Intercessions follow*

**Offertory hymn:**

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
*O lamb of God, I come,*

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within, and fears without,  
*O lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
*O lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
*O lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
*O lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
*O lamb of God, I come.*

*Walden*

*Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871*

*Tune: Saffron*

**Communion Hymn**

The sinless one to Jordan came

to share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled  
and chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,  
the voice from heaven did witness bear  
that he, the Son of God, had come  
to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
the sign of God the Father's love,  
now by the Holy Spirit shed  
upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun  
to heal; and save a race undone;  
straight to the wilderness he goes  
to wrestle with his people's foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin  
go forth with you, a world to win,  
and send the Holy Spirit's power  
to shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed  
and know you are the Bread indeed,  
who gives eternal life to those  
that with you died, and with you rose.

*G.B. Timms, 1910-1997*

*Tune Puer Nobis Nascitur*

## **Final Hymn**

When John baptised by Jordan's river  
in faith and hope the people came,  
that John and Jordan might deliver

their troubled souls from sin and shame.  
They came to seek a new beginning,  
the human spirit's ageless quest,  
repentance, and an end of sinning,  
renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptised and praying,  
rose from the stream, the sinless one,  
a voice was heard from heaven saying,  
"This is my own beloved Son."

There as the Father's word was spoken,  
not in the power of wind and flame,  
but of his love and peace the token,  
seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of Man, our nature sharing,  
in whose obedience all are blest,  
Saviour, our sins and sorrows bearing,  
hear us and grant us this request:  
daily to grow, by grace defended,  
filled with the Spirit from above;  
in Christ baptised, beloved, befriended,  
children of God in peace and love.

*Timothy Dudley Smith b . 1926    Tune: Rendez a Dieu*