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1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,
who has truly kept his word
and at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
2. What the fathers most desired,
what the prophet's heart inspired,
what they longed for many a year,
stands fulfilled in glory here.
3. Welcome, O my Savior, now!
Joyful, Lord, to you I bow.
Come into my heart, I pray;
O, prepare yourself a way!
4. As your coming was in peace,
quiet, full of gentleness,
let the same mind dwell in me
which is yours eternally.
5. Then when you will come again
as the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see your face,
freely ransomed by your grace.

TEXT: Heinrich Held (1659). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

TUNE: John Antes (1796). Arr. John B. Wilkes (1861)

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