Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



On Jordan's Bank

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 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
 Awake and hearken, for he brings
 Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;Make straight the way of God within,Prepare we in our hearts a home,Where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,Our refuge and our sure reward;Shine forth, and let thy light restoreOur souls to heav'nly grace once more.

4. All praise, eternal Son, to theeWhose advent set thy people free,Whom with the Father we adoreAnd Holy Spirit evermore.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt. Music: Musikalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Comfort, comfort, O my people,
 Speak of peace, now says our God;
 Comfort those who sit in darkness,
 Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
 Speak unto Jerusalem
 Of the peace that waits for them;
 Tell of all the sins I cover,
 And that warfare now is over.

2. Hark, the voice of one who's crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance
Since the kingdom is now here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

3. O make straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That his word is never broken.

Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1–8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Claude Goudimel, ca. 1514–1572; Genevan Psalter, 1551.

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon,
 We are going to see the King;
 Soon and very soon,
 We are going to see the King;
 Soon and very soon,
 We are going to see the King;
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 We're going to see the King.

2. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King;
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King;
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We're going to see the King.

3. No more dying there, We are going to see the King; No more dying there, We are going to see the King; No more dying there, We are going to see the King; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

Text and music by Andre Crouch, adapt. By William F. Smith.

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