

# On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1. 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 heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let your light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. To God the Son all glory be  
whose advent sets your people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.

Inspiration: Matthew 3: 3; Mark 1: 3, 3: 4-6; John 1: 15-28; "Jordanis oras praevia" by Charles Coffin, 1676-1749, in "Paris Breviary", 1736.  
Lyrics: 88.88; John Chandler, 1806-1876, in his "Hymns of the Primitive Church", 1837.