



St. Matthew

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Gathering Song: Maranatha, Lord Messiah – week 3

1. Blazing Sun of Justice, the flame of eastern dawn,
Scatter clinging shadows, that gloom of death be gone.

Refrain: Maranatha, Lord Messiah, long awaited from afar.

Come and make your home among us. Let us see your birthing star.

2. Sovereign of all nations, our cornerstone of trust,
Deliver in your mercy, your creatures made of dust. (refrain)

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Responsorial Psalm:

"Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us."

Preparation of the Gifts: Comfort, My People (G 396)

1. Comfort, my people, and calm all your fear;
the day of salvation is quickly drawing near.
The One you long to see will soon set you free.
O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.
2. Silence the thunder, silence sounds of war.
End all destruction and comfort those who mourn.
Your dream draws near, your vision is here.
O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.
3. Be light in the darkness; be truth for our lives.
Be strength for the helpless, the poor and lost who cry.
O saving voice, O living choice,
O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.

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Communion Song: A Voice Cries Out

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me;
Speak to the heart of Jerusalem:

The time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord!

A voice cries out in the wilderness: Make straight a highway for God!

2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled,
The glory of God shall then be revealed,
And the nations will sing in praise. (refrain)
3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?
All flesh is like grass and its flowers: the grass may wither,
The flower may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever. (refrain)
4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem,
And say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God!"
5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd, holding his lambs in his arms,
Keeping his flock so close to his heart, leading them all, old and young.

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Closing Song: On Jordan's Bank

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 flowers 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.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia ; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

