

Hymn No. 209 Blessed Be the God of Israel

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

- 2 Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way;
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

- 3 On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

Hymn No. 730 O Day of God, Draw Nigh

(11 o'clock service ONLY)

- 1 O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
- 2 Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
- 3 Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.
- 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.
- 5 O Day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

Hymn No. 202 People, Look East

- 1 People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

- 2 Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When nigh is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.