

Opening Hymn No. 198: My Soul Gives Glory to My God

- 1: My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise. God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.
- 2: My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name. All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.
- 3: From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts, dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.
- 4: Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure, leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.
- 5: Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress, remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

Closing Hymn No. 215: To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

- 1: To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.
“Fear not,” the angel told her, “I come to bring good news,
good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.”
- 2: “For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,
who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,
you are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!”
- 3: But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel’s word.
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,
to hear the angel’s message, it troubled her to hear.
- 4: “Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus, God’s offspring from on high.
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high.”
- 5: “How shall this be?” said Mary, “I am not yet a wife.”
The angel answered quickly, “The power of the Most High
will come upon you shortly, your child will be God’s child.”
- 6: As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.

“Behold, I am your handmaid,” she said unto her God.
“So be it; I am ready according to you word.”