

## 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. 213**

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**  
**(11 o'clock service ONLY)**

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!
  
- 2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use of heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
  
- 3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.
  
- 4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

## 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.  
*Refrain:*  
*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.  
*Refrain:*  
*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.  
*Refrain:*  
*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.  
*Refrain:*  
*People, look east and sing today:*  
*Love, the Lord, is on the way.*