

To Jordan came our Lord the Christ

text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)
cf. Mark 1:9-11

CHRIST, UNSER HERR, ZUM JORDAN KAM
tune: J. Walther, *Geistliche Gesanbuchlein* (1524)
harmonizations: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

To Jordan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's pleasure willing,
And there was by Saint John baptized, all righteousness fulfilling;
There did he consecrate a bath to wash away transgression,
And quench the bitterness of death by his own blood and passion;
He would a new life give us.

To show us this, he hath his word with signs and symbols given;
On Jordan's banks was plainly heard the Father's voice from heaven:
"This is my well-beloved Son, in whom my soul delighteth;
Hear him." Yea, hear him every one whom he himself inviteth,
Hear and obey his teaching.

Soprano
To Jor - dan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's plea - sure

Alto
To Jor - dan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's plea - sure

Tenor
To Jor - dan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's plea - sure

Bass
To Jor - dan came our Lord the Christ, to do God's plea - sure

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will - ing, And there was by Saint John bap - tized, all

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right-eous - ness ful - fill - ing; There did he con - se - crate a bath to
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 right-eous - ness ful - fill - ing; There did he con - se - crate a bath to
 right-eous - ness ful - fill - ing; There did he con - se - crate a bath to

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wash a - way trans - gres - sion, And quench the bit - ter -
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- ness of death by his own blood and pas - sion; He would a new life
 - ness of death by his own blood and pas - sion; He would a new life
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give us. To show us this, he hath his word with signs and sym - bols

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giv - en; On Jor - dan's banks was plain - ly heard the Fath - er's voice from

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heav - en: "This is my well - be - lov - ed Son, in whom my soul de -

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- light - eth; Hear him." Yea, hear him ev - 'ry one whom he him - self in -
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 - light - eth; Hear him." Yea, hear him ev - 'ry one whom he him - self in -

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- vit - eth, Hear and o - bey his teach - ing.
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 cf. Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 23:21-22

ES WOLL' GOTT UNS GENÄDIG SEIN
 tune: Matthias Greitter (c. 1490-1552)
 harmonizations: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

In tender manhood Jesus straight to holy Jordan wendeth;
 The Holy Ghost from heaven's gate in dovelike shape descendeth;
 That thus the truth be not denied, nor should our faith e'er waver,
 That the Three Persons all preside, at Baptism's holy laver,
 And dwell with the believer.

Thus Jesus his disciples sent: go teach ye every nation,
 That lost in sin they must repent; and flee from condemnation:
 He that believes and is baptized, obtains a mighty blessing;
 A new-born man, no more he dies, eternal life possessing,
 A joyful heir of heaven.

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In ten - der man - hood Je - sus straight to ho - ly Jor - dan

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wen - - - deth; The Ho - ly Ghost from heav - en's

wen - - - deth; The Ho - ly Ghost from heav - en's

wen - - - deth; The Ho - ly Ghost from heav - en's

wen - - - deth; The Ho - ly Ghost from heav - en's

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gate in dove - like shape des - cend - - - eth; That

gate in dove - like shape des - cend - - - eth; That

gate in dove - like shape des - cend - - - eth; That

gate in dove - like shape des - cend - - - eth; That

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thus the truth be not de - nied, nor should our faith e'er wa - ver, That

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the Three Per - sons all pre - side, at Bap - tism's ho - ly

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the Three Per - sons all pre - side, at Bap - tism's ho - ly

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la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

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Thus Je - sus his dis - ci - ples sent: go teach ye ev - 'ry

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na - tion, That lost in sin they must re - pent; and

na - tion, That lost in sin they must re - pent; and

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na - tion, That lost in sin they must re - pent; and

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flee from con - dem - na - tion: He that be - lieves and

flee from con - dem - na - tion: He that be - lieves and

flee from con - dem - na - tion: He that be - lieves and

flee from con - dem - na - tion: He that be - lieves and

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is bap - tized, ob - tains a might - y bless - ing; A

is bap - tized, ob - tains a might - y bless - ing; A

is bap - tized, ob - tains a might - y bless - ing; A

is bap - tized, ob - tains a might - y bless - ing; A

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new - born man, no more he dies, e - ter - nal life pos -

new - born man, no more he dies, e - ter - nal life pos -

new - born man, no more he dies, e - ter - nal life pos -

new - born man, no more he dies, e - ter - nal life

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- sess - ing, A joy - ful heir of heav - en.

- sess - ing, A joy - ful heir of heav - en.

- sess - ing, A joy - ful heir of heav - en, of heav - en.

- pos - sess - ing, A joy - ful heir of heav - en.