

VERSES 1, 3, 5 *Strong and march-like* (♩ = ca. 112)

Melody

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing Lord, Who  
 3. Of old he gave his sol - emn oath To Fa - ther A - bra - ham; His  
 5. The ris - ing sun shall shine on us To bring the light of day To

Keyboard

Chords: C Am7 D G D Bm Em Am7 C D

1. comes in pow'r to save his own, His peo - ple Is - ra - el. For Is - ra - el he  
 3. seed a might - y race should be And blest for - ev - er - more. He vowed to set his  
 5. all who dwell in dark - est night And shad - ow of the grave. Our foot - steps God shall

Chords: C Am7 D G D Bm Em Am7 D G D

1. rais - es up Sal - va - tion's tow'r on high In Da - vid's house who  
 3. peo - ple free From fear of ev - 'ry foe, That we might serve him  
 5. safe - ly guide To walk the ways of peace; His name for - ev - er -

Chords: G Am Bm Em D C Am7 D

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the the guitar chords above the melody.

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VERSES 2, 4

G D Bm Em Am7 D G *Fine* Em Am

1. reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord. 2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did he  
 3. all our days In good - ness, love, and peace. 4. O ti - ny child, your name shall  
 5. more be blest, Who lives and loves and saves.

D Em C B7 Em Am7 B7

2. speak His Word in days of old, That he would save us from our foes And  
 4. be The proph - et of the Lord; The way of God you shall pre - pare To

Em B7 Em Am D G E7 Am

2. all who bear us ill. To our an - ces - tors did he give His cov - e - nant of  
 4. make his com - ing known. You shall pro - claim to Is - ra - el Sal - va - tion's dawn - ing

B7 Em Am B7 Em B7 Em *D.C.*  
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2. love, So with us all he keeps his Word In love that knows no end.  
 4. day, When God shall wipe a - way all sins In his re - deem - ing love. *D.C.*  
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