

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 51

We the Lord's People

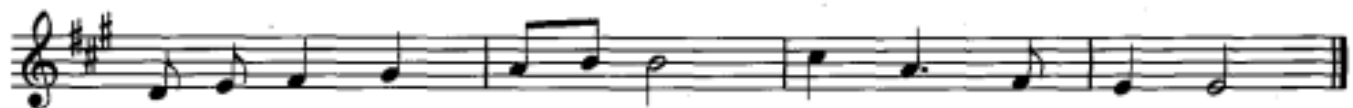
DECATUR PLACE



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).