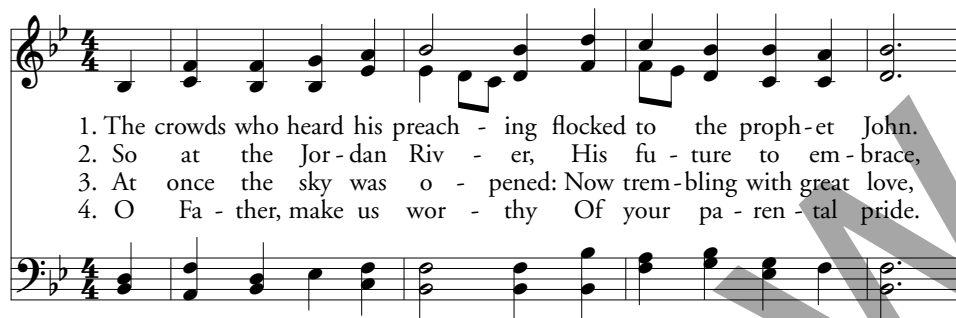
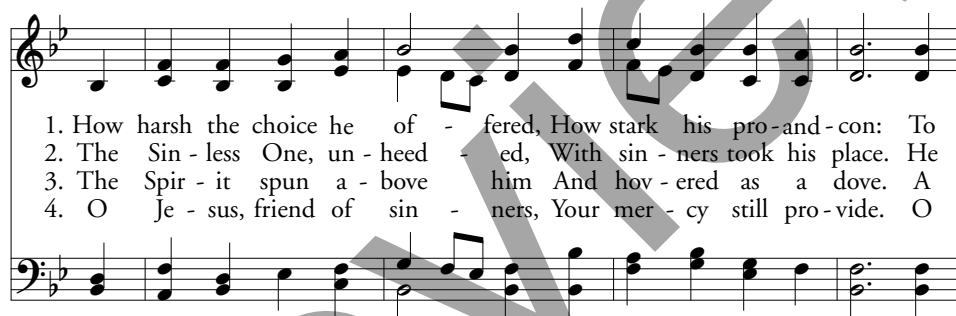


THE CROWDS WHO HEARD HIS PREACHING



1. The crowds who heard his preach - ing flocked to the proph-et John.
2. So at the Jor-dan Riv - er, His fu - ture to em - brace,
3. At once the sky was o - pened: Now trem - bling with great love,
4. O Fa - ther, make us wor - thy Of your pa - ren - tal pride.



1. How harsh the choice he of - fered, How stark his pro-and-con: To
2. The Sin - less One, un - heed - ed, With sin - ners took his place. He
3. The Spir - it spun a - bove him And hov - ered as a dove. A
4. O Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, Your mer - cy still pro-vide. O



1. choose God's com - ing king - dom Or face God's righ - teous ire:
2. strode in - to the wa - ters With that re - pen - tant band,
3. voice came from the heav - ens To coun - ter - point this sight:
4. Spir - it, lead; we fol - low, And in your dance re - joice.

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THE CROWDS WHO HEARD HIS PREACHING, CONT.

1. To plunge be-neath the wa - ters Or feel re - fin - ing fire!
2. Con - firm - ing his com - mit - ment Be-neath the Bap - tist's hand.
3. "You are my Son, be - lov - ed; You fill me with de - light."
4. O Tri - une God, we bless — you: O Dove, O Child, O Voice!

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