

Praise we the Lord this day    Hymnal 1982 no. 267    Melody: St George    S.M.



Praise we the Lord this day,  
this day so long foretold,  
whose promise shone with cheering ray  
on waiting saints of old.

The prophet gave the sign  
for faithful folk to read:  
a virgin born of David's line  
shall bear the promised seed.

Ask not how this should be,  
but worship and adore,  
like her whom heaven's Majesty  
came down to shadow o'er.

She meekly bowed her head  
to hear the gracious word,  
Mary, the pure and lowly maid,  
the favored of the Lord.

Most blest shall be her name  
in all the Church on earth,  
through whom that wondrous mercy came,  
th' incarnate Savior's birth.

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