

128. BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

1. O God be praised, who reigns a - bove,
 2. Our heav - y debt He did for - give
 3. He cleansed us from each sin - ful stain
 4. The wed - ding gar - ment white as snow

For grant - ing us sal - va - tion! We
 And gave us rai - ments of spot - less. His
 Through pre - cious blood of Je - sus. He
 He gave us in bap - tis - m. Through

have through Je - sus Christ, His Son,
 Spir - it did u - nite our souls re - vive;
 right - eous - ness in Him with Him,
 we have

Ob - tained re - gen - er - a - tion.
 Our hearts were filled with glad - ness.
 From Ad - am's fall re - deemed us.
 To a new life a - ris - en.

5. In this pure garment, white and fair,
Of heavenly perfection
He calls us to His supper there;
O, blessed invitation!
6. Ye children of the Lord, rejoice
In true and holy union,
That ye are called to sup with Him
In such divine communion.
7. A mansion He has now prepared
For us in heaven's glory,
And with the robe of righteousness
He clothes us pure and holy.
8. Rejoice, thou holy Church of God,
Christ's advent now is nearing!
For He shall come to call His bride
With angel hosts appearing.
9. Your wedding robes keep free from stain;
Your soul guard from deception.
Thou wilt enjoy with Jesus there
A glorious reception.
10. O, blest are they who here receive
The Bridegroom's invitation
And who endure unto the end
All trials and tribulation!
11. And after all the many griefs
Through which they here are going,
In glory they shall then rejoice
With crowns of beauty glowing.
12. O, therefore Zion, God's own host,
Hold fast to faith's assurance;
Stay true, and thou shalt then receive
A crown for thy endurance!