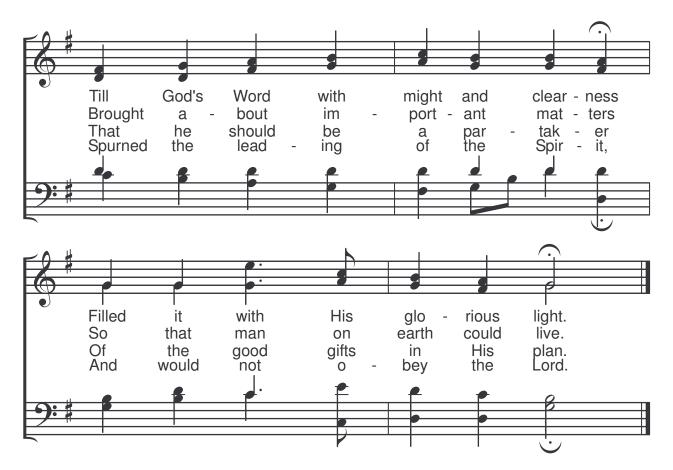
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- 5. God pronounced on man the sentence, For his sin and disobedience And his scorn of grace and faith! Then to cleanse the earth of sinning And to make a new beginning He decreed a healing faith.
- 6. All bold sinners, helpless, crying, In the deluge dread were dying, Buried in one watery grave.

 Death, begotten of transgression, Comes to them without compassion, And no one is found to save.
- 7. One alone did heed the warning, One just man true wisdom learning From the teaching of God's Word. Noah, by God's hand delivered, With his wife and children entered In the cov'nant with the Lord.
- 8. This creation is reflected
 Unto Christ and His elected
 Who in this blest union stand;
 Who by grace escape destruction,
 Live no more to see corruption.
 In baptismal grace they stand.