

Repentance

"...I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Matt. 3:11-15a

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Soprano
Alto

1. Long a - go John cried out in the de - sert, "O - pen wide your hearts for Christ the Lord;
2. Now when John had called them to re - pen - tance, Je - sus came Him - self to Jor - dan's side;
3. Can you hear the cry - ing in your de - sert? Is your heart not griev - ing for its wrong?

Tenor
Bass

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S.
A.

Refrain

Throw ou ev' - ry - thing that harms or hind - ers, For the King has come with His re - ward!" Un - to
Asked that John would grant him ho - ly bap - tism, Tho' He had no sin like you and I. Christ was
Your sal - va - tion comes thro' Christ our Sav - iour. He will turn your sor - row in - to song! To be

T.
B.

Solo Soprano sings all throughout the first verse and refrain.

Solo Baritone sings the melody starting from the second verse, to the end.

9

S.
A.

Christ our King, bring an of - fer ing! Bring you heart - poor and humb led, bro - ken. On - ly
pure and clean; He was per - fect, too. Why should He seek bap - tis - mal wa - ter? He was
freed from sin: Oh, what peace and joy! Soar - ing high in the sky as eag - les! Thro' the

T.
B.

2. Pure and clean, per - fect, too.
3. Oh, what peace, Oh, what joy!

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S.
A.

deep est grief of a re - pent - ant heart Is the gift that shows we love Him.
mo - del - ing that which was right and true. So that we may fol - low af - ter.
cross of Christ, borne by His wond - rous love, We be - come His cho - sen peop - le.

T.
B.

2. Mo - del - ing, mo - del - ing,
3. Cross of Christ, wond - rous love,