## Mark 1: 9-11

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Just as He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening
and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

Then a voice from heaven said,

"You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Come to the Water is appropriate for baptism, child or family dedication, confirmation and communion. Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Isaiah 12: 1-6 & 44: 1-5, Zechariah 14: 6-9, John 1: 19-34 & 4: 1-13 and Mark 1: 1-11. One basic homiletical theme is joining the family of God through the ritual of baptism.

This anthem is also a congregational hymn that may be sung throughout the year, during the same service as this anthem or separate from it. A reproducible hymn page may be found on page 12, and a part for optional flute on page 11. Sing this anthem with a lyric legato and a gentle feeling of one pulse per measure.

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. flute and congregation\*



<sup>\*</sup> Parts for flute and congregation may be found on pages 11 and 12, respectively. Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 19936.

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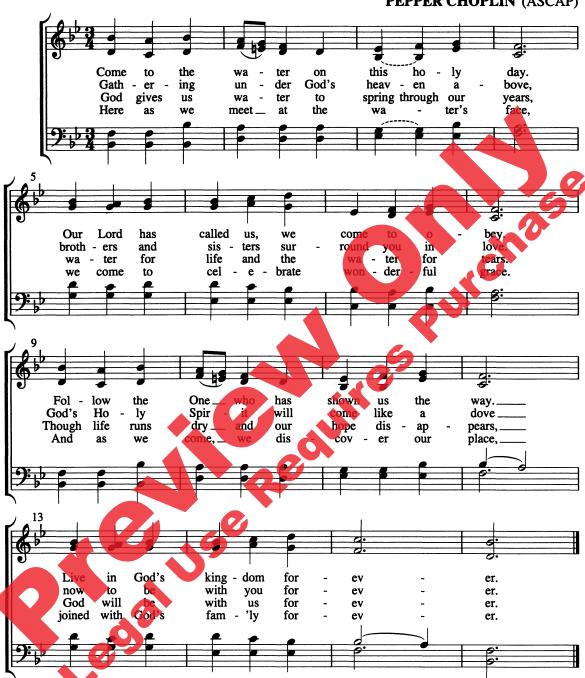
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