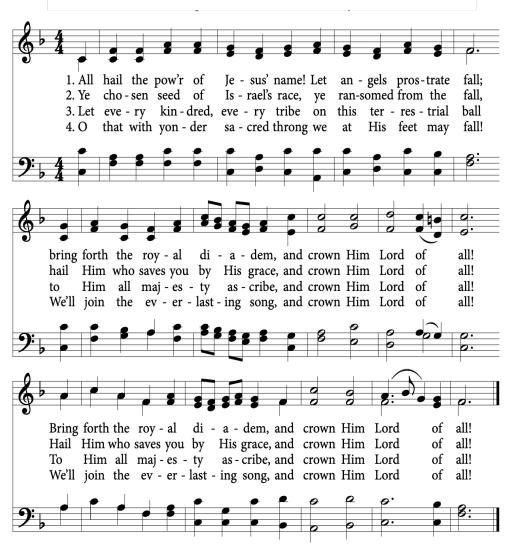
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



TEXT: Edward Perronet, 1780, and John Rippon, 1887

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

CORONATION 86.86.86

THE FIELDS CHURCH — HYMN OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2024

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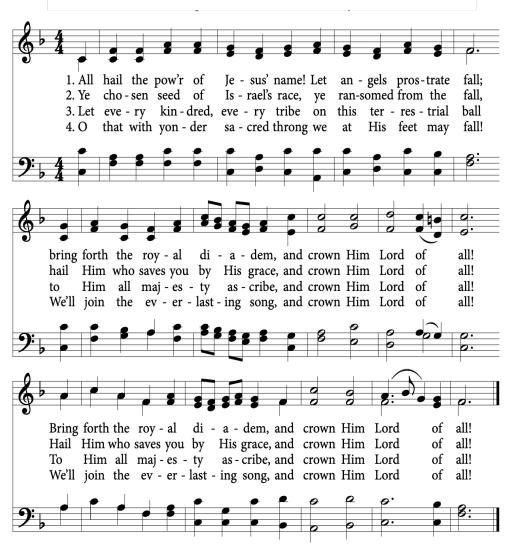
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Me, who had long deserted him / Made other idol-lords my theme, And gloried in my shame / But now redeemed by Jesus' blood I live to breathe the life of God / And glory in the Lamb

Scripture to consider:

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