

Head of the Church

Charles Wesley, 1745
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A minor

Jeremiah Ingalls, 1805

Tr.
1. Head of the church triumphant, We joy-ful-ly a-dore thee; Till thou ap-pear, Thy members here Shall sing like those in glo-ry.
2. We lift our hearts and voi-ces With blest an-ti-ci-pa-tion, And cry a-loud, And give to God The praise of our sal-va-tion.

C.
3. While in af-flic-tion's fu-rnace, And pas-sing through the fire, Thy love we praise Which knows our days, And ev-er brings us nigher.
4. We clap our hands ex-ul-ting In thine al-migh-ty fa-vor; The love di-vine Which made us thine Shall keep us thine for ev-er.

T.
5. Thou dost con-duct thy peo-ple Through tor-rents of temp-ta-tion, Nor will we fear, While thou art near, The fire of tri-bu-la-tion.
6. The world with sin and Sa-tan In vain our march op-po-ses, In thee we shall Break through them all And sing the song of Mo-ses.

B.
7. By faith we see the glo-ry To which thou shalt re-store us, The cross de-spise For that high prize Which thou hast set be-fore us.
8. And if thou count us wor-thy, We each, as dy-ing Ste-phen, Shall see thee stand At God's right-hand To take us up to hea-ven.

A folk hymn (Jackson 1952, No. 322).