

Oh, how shall I receive thee

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1 Oh, how shall I re - ceive thee, how meet thee on thy way,
 2 Love caused thine in - car - na - tion; Love brought thee down to me.
 3 Thou com - est, Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good will,

blest hope of ev - ry na - tion, my soul's de - light and stay?
 Thy thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by thine own pure light
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led thee to em - brace,
 We wel - come thee, our Sav - ior; come gath - er us to thee,

to know what - e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in thy sight.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and trou - bled race.
 that in thy light e - ter - nal our joy - ous home may be.

Text: based on Matthew 21:9, Paul Gerhardt, "Wie soll ich dich empfangen," *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 5th ed., 1653; tr.
 Arthur T. Russell, *Psalms and Hymns*, 1851, alt.

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1613, *Ein andächtiges Gebet...*, 1615