Lord, Have Mercy on Your People
(a paraphrase of the Kyrie)

8.7.8.7. D. (suggested tune: Hyfrydol)

1. Lord, have mercy on your people,
   Hear us as we humbly pray.
   Loving Father, help Your children,
   Govern all we do and say.
   Lord, have mercy on your people,
   Saved by you from Eden’s fall.
   Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
   Lord, have mercy on us all.

2. Christ, have mercy on your people,
   Rescue us from sin and strife.
   By your death you have redeemed us;
   You’re the way, the truth, the life.
   Christ, have mercy on your people,
   Satan’s evil schemes forestall.
   Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
   Lord, have mercy on us all.

3. Lord, have mercy on your people,
   Holy Spirit, dwell within.
   Give us faith, that we may always
   Know God’s pardon of our sin.
   Lord, have mercy on your people,
   Cause us e’er to heed Christ’s call.
   Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
   Lord, have mercy on us all.

– David Jay Webber

To Christ We Pray
(a hymn for the Baptism of Our Lord)

C.M. D. (suggested tune: Kingsfold)

1. To Christ we pray, who on this day
   Was baptized by John’s hand:
   Unstained by sin, you did begin
   Your mission, as God planned.
   The Baptist’s call, “Repent ye, all,”
   Was heeded by the throng.
   Why did you stand on Jordan’s sand,
   Since you had done no wrong?

2. The Baptist, too, had asked of you
   The reason for this deed.
   “Why come to me, Lord,” queried he,
   “For pardon you don’t need?”
   “We must fulfill God’s righteous will,”
   You said, and so we know
   That, by God’s grace, you will embrace
   As yours our human woe.

3. John does proclaim to us the same
   Stern words that he once said;
   But you we see stand willingly
   With us, and in our stead.
   Forgiving Lord, to us afford
   Through Baptism’s promise true
   Your righteousness, which e’er shall bless
   And joins us all to you.

– David Jay Webber

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Lord Jesus Christ, To Your Words We Attend
(a hymn for Holy Communion)

10.10.10.10. (suggested tune: Ellers)

1. Lord Jesus Christ, to your Words we attend;
   We hear your sacred promise, dearest Friend,
   That in the consecrated wine and bread
   You give your body and the blood you shed.

2. You told your servants, sent forth in your name,
   “He who hears you, hears me,” so we acclaim
   You as the host whose voice we hear today
   When pastors speak the Words you bid them say.

3. Your body sacrificed for human sin,
   Your blood outpoured, did full salvation win.
   We penitently take these pledges, Lord;
   To us, we pray, your pard’ning grace afford.

4. We in the struggles of this life are weak,
   And in our frailty help and comfort seek.
   You give us here, Lord, as faith’s eye can see,
   A medicine of immortality.

5. Your flesh, as heav’nly food, our life sustains;
   A saving drink for us your blood remains.
   When we in faith approach you in our need,
   Please, with your self, Lord, soul and body feed.

6. We who receive your truth have unity
   With you and with each other; may this be
   By our communion jointly manifest,
   As we confess you in this banquet blest.

   – David Jay Webber

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Unto Caesar Let Us Render

8.7.8.7. (suggested tune: Stuttgart)

1. Unto Caesar let us render
   All the things that Caesar’s are,
   Custom, fear, and tribute tender,
   Both in time of peace and war.

2. Government is by God’s order,
   Civil rule by His command,
   For protection to our border,
   Safety, peace, throughout the land.

3. By the will of God appointed,
   All must fear the pow’rs that be;
   Who lays hand on God’s anointed,
   Sins against His majesty.

4. Yet we know that worship solely
   Is the province of our Lord.
   Only God is pure and holy.
   Him we praise with one accord.

5. Rightful laws have our compliance.
   We obey the government–
   Save when it demands defiance
   Of commandments God has sent.

6. Jesus, giving without measure,
   Paid the full redemption price.
   His salvation is a treasure
   We can never sacrifice.

7. Fear of any lord but Jesus,
   Caused by threats of harm or sword,
   Will not overwhelm or seize us
   When we trust His pard’ning Word.

8. Soul and conscience, faith, devotion,
   Now belong to God above.
   His great mercy, like an ocean,
   Covers us with wondrous love.

9. For officials of our nation
   Prayers we offer ceaselessly,
   That God bless them in their station;
   That our land be just and free.

   – Emanuel Cronenwett (stanzas 1-3);
   David Jay Webber (stanzas 4-9)