



Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11 In the desert, a voice is crying out to prepare for the good news of the Lord's coming.
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 The psalmist remembers God's deeds in the past and anticipates God's coming in future with justice, peace, righteousness, and love.
 2 Peter 3:8-15a Though God is patient, the day of the Lord will come as a surprise, and we must live our lives waiting for that day.
 Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist is baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming the coming of the Christ.

Call to Worship

Listen—
God invites us to prepare the way.
 Watch—
Signs appear in the wilderness.
 Prepare—
Good news is on the way.
 Rejoice—
Our hard times are over.
 Be at peace—
We rest in God's promises, and exult in God's coming.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding		59	246							
Herald Sound the Note of Judgement		70				28				
My Lord, What a Morning	449		438	719		708			40	
Hymns Related to Scripture										
Old Testament										
Comfort, Comfort You My People	3	67	256		101	883				
Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us	387	709	789	381	252				254	
There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying		75	255		120	18				
Epistle										
Soon and Very Soon			439	706				106	38	
O Day of God Draw Nigh	452	600,601		730	611	688				
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	376	657	631	384	43	333				
Gospel										
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry	10	76	249			20				
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice	409						2089			
All Earth Is Waiting			266	210	121	5		93	47	
Down Galilee's Slow Roadways										16
Communion										
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	5	324	490	626	345	473				
Sending										
Prepare the Way	14	65		207		10		105		
O for a World	386				575					
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun	423	434	434	157	300	330				
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
When the King Shall Come Again, Common Praise, Christopher Idle										

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Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you promise to reveal your glory to us, but we are inconstant and distracted.
You promise your peace, but we do not trust your promise, and we despair.
Forgive our lack of faith, O God.
Sing your songs of good tidings to us from on high.
Lift our eyes, give us ears to hear, so that we may sing to the world: Here is our God!

Psalm Settings

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Metrical
 "My Song Forever Shall Record" PH 209
 "Our God Forgives Us" SP 35
 "Show Us, O Lord" NMP 136
Responsorial
 "Let us See, O Lord, Your Mercy" PS1 76
 "Show us Your Mercy, O Lord" HP1 29
 "Show us Your Mercy, O Lord" PP1 56

Contemporary Songs

"A Voice Cries Out" Michael Joncas OCP 10000
 "A Voice Proclaims" John Bell *God Comes Tomorrow*
 "Let Us See Your Kindness" (Psalm 85) Marty Haugen *Psalms for the Church Year (Celebration)*, Vol. 1, GIA
 "Song of Zechariah" Hal Hopson/Michael Perry PH
 "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Jacques Berthier (Taizé) UMH; SNC; *Gather Comprehensive*
 "Make Way" Graham Kendrick SNC

Global Songs

"Toda la Tierra" SNC 93
 "Who Will Set Us Free?" (Philippines) STB 130
 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (Yiddish folk tune) ELW 240

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"Every Valley" John Ness Beck, BEHB 1040, SATB
 "The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow" Christopher Tye, RSCM A 0034, SATB

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings, KJOS C8118, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Advent Introit" Music, GIA (G4489), SATB
 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Helman, Aug (978-0-8006-7816), SATB, keyboard
 "Lost in the Night" Haugen, Aug (978-0-8006-5924-0), SAB, piano, opt. solo
 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" Organ, Aug, (978-0-8006-7653-7) 2-part mixed, keyboard

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"Carol of Prophecy" Shirley W. McRae, handbells, CGA 720
 "People, Look East!" Arr. Craig Phillips, opt. descant, SPC 405-103
 "Light the Candle" Carl Schalk, MSM 50-0006
 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" Arr. Craig Phillips, opt. descant SPC 422-903

Handbell Music

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz/Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, Concordia, MSM-30-921, 3, 4 or 5 oct., L2+
 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Arr. Susan E. Geschke, Agape, #2366, 2-3 octaves handbells or hand chimes, L1
 "Advent Contemplation" Arr. William E. Moats, Genesis, GP2027, 3, 4 or 5 oct., L2

Organ Music

"Meditation on Picardy" Leo Sowerby, *Meditations on Communion Hymns*, HWG (M+)
 "Partita on Duke Street" Charles Callahan, MS (E-M)
 "Contemplation: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" from *3 Carol Preludes*, Richard Purvis, GP (E-M)
 "Introduction and Variations on an Old French Carol" (Picardy), Jennifer Bate, NV 01 0176 01 (M)
 "Fling Wide the Gates" Sigfrid Karg-Elert, *66 Chorale Improvisations*, Op. 65, Vol. 1, Marks or BR (M-D)

