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## **Isaiah 40:3-5**

(NASB)

“Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Let every valley be lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill be made low;  
And let the uneven ground become a plain,  
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;  
Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
And all flesh will see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

## **O God, for me make the waiting...**

O God,  
for me  
make the  
waiting and  
hoping of Advent  
no longer just a season,  
but a constant hunger for You.

**Hymn Recording: [Prepare Us](#)**

# Prepare Us

Isaiah 40:3-5

♩ = 92

D Em<sup>7</sup> D F<sup>7</sup> D G<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D G G A<sup>7</sup> D Em Em<sup>7</sup>

1. Pre - pare us for the Liv - ing Christ. Pre - pare us as we lis - ten,  
 2. Pre - pare us as Your tem - ple here. Pre - pare us by Your ho - ly  
 3. Great God of lov - ing u - ni - ty, Our Fa - ther, Spir - it, Ho - ly

A<sup>7</sup> sus A<sup>7</sup> D Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>6</sup> D F<sup>7</sup> D G F<sup>7</sup> Bm G

Lord. Our hearts and lives re - ceive Your Word. Pre -  
 breath. Pour out Your love, Your life, Your death. Pre -  
 Son, In You we long to live as one. Pre -

D A A G F<sup>7</sup> D F<sup>7</sup> G A 1, 2 D.C. 3 D

pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord.  
 pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord.  
 pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord. Lord.

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

PREPARE US  
8.8.8.4.

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## **Genesis 3:14-19**

(NASB)

Then the Lord God said to the serpent,  
    "Because you have done this,  
    Cursed are you more than all the livestock,  
    And more than any animal of the field;  
    On your belly you shall go,  
    And dust you shall eat  
    All the days of your life;  
    And I will make enemies  
    Of you and the woman,  
    And of your offspring and her Descendant;  
    He shall bruise you on the head,  
    And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

To the woman He said,  
    "I will greatly multiply  
    Your pain in childbirth,  
    In pain you shall deliver children;  
    Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
    And he shall rule over you."

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';  
    Cursed is the ground because of you;  
    With hard labor you shall eat from it  
    All the days of your life.  
    Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
    Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;  
    By the sweat of your face  
    You shall eat bread,  
    Until you return to the ground,  
    Because from it you were taken;  
    For you are dust,  
    And to dust you shall return."



## God's Promise to Adam and Eve

God made us like Himself. He made us lords, to rule over His creation. He made our home a beautiful garden and filled it with all we could ever want or need. He drew near to us. He walked with us. Life was beauty, abundance, wholeness, harmony, and peace.

Sovereign God honored us with the power to make choices. We used that power to reject Him. We mistrusted His goodness. In our arrogance we ignored His wisdom and pursued our own way. We still do, and every day we eat the bitter fruit of our fear and pride.

But when we rejected Him, God did not reject us. Even in judging us He planted the seeds of our salvation:

1. He decreed that an age-long battle would ensue between Satan and Eve's descendants. Satan would strike their heel, but they would strike his head. They would crush it. This is the Bible's first promise of Messiah. A Son of Man, a descendent of Eve, a Deliverer would forever defeat Satan and end his destructive influence over our race.
2. Even death, our greatest curse and punishment, became part of His plan of salvation. What a tragedy it would have been for us to live forever in our fallen state, separated from God, the source of all good! Therefore in love God immediately proclaimed that we would die, and He closed the path to the tree of life so that our corrupted condition wouldn't go on forever (Genesis 3:24). Death, though terrible, could end our separation from Him, if we chose to repent and trust Him again. Death could reopen the way to life, to rebirth, to a new creation where life would be all He intended it to be.

With paradise destroyed, within minutes our loving God began to unveil the marvelous mystery of salvation—a salvation already planned before the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:3-4; Revelation 13:8). He immediately began to point us toward Jesus Christ.

*Father, we cannot fully grasp Your goodness.  
It is too far above us.  
It is too broad in time.  
We cannot trace Your love and all its magnificent ways.*

**Hymn Recording: [Before the Starry Universe](#)**

# Before the Starry Universe

TUNE: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen  
*Ephesians 1:3-4*

♩ = 56

Dm Dm A C# A7 Dm Am7 Bb F Bb A Dm Gm Bb A Dm

1. Be - fore the star - ry u - ni - verse There reigned the great I Am. This  
2. The crea - ture knew his Mak - er, but In pride he turned a - way. He  
3. But God re - fused to turn a - way, So driv - en by His love. He

Dm A C# A7 Dm Am Bb F Bb A Dm Gm Bb A D Gm C E F Bb D

be - ing wise and won - der - ful In love con - ceived a man. He formed him in His  
trad - ed all his rich - es for A debt he could not pay. He clothed him - self in  
laid a - side His splen - dor just To draw us all a - bove. Our Lord is now Im -

F7 A Bb F A7 Dm Dm6 C E A C C7 Dm C E F Bb F

*Refrain*

like - ness - So the mys - ter - y be - gan.  
suf - fring and In deep and fear - ful shame. Praise God for the  
man - u - el, A child of flesh and blood.

F Gm6 Dm A Dm Dm6 C C Bb Dm7 C7 F Bb E A Bb F Gm6 Dm A Dm

won - der of His love, In - fi - nite love! Praise God for the won - der of His love!

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MUSIC: English Melody

GOD REST YOU MERRY  
8.6.8.6.8.6. w. Ref.

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## **Isaiah 55:1-2**

(NASB)

“You there! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And you who have no money come, buy and eat.  
Come, buy wine and milk  
Without money and without cost.  
Why do you spend money for what is not bread,  
And your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,  
And delight yourself in abundance.”

## Desire God

People long for God,  
their Creator,  
their source,  
their completion,  
their Father.

Even as they  
ignore Him or  
deny Him,  
run from Him or  
try to replace Him,

He is their longing.  
He is their desire.  
He is their fulfillment.

For believers as well,  
He is what is missing.  
He is what we chase in  
so many wrong directions.

Turn to  
Him.

Desire  
Him.

Long for  
Him,  
the All-in-all.

Hymn Recording: [Hear the Longing](#)

# Hear the Longing

♩ = 66

1. Hear the long - ing,      End - less long - ing      Of a peo - ple      for their  
 2. God is speak - ing,      He is seek - ing,      He is call - ing      ev - 'ry

God - heart.      In their dream - ing,      In their strug - gling,      Ev - 'ry  
 Thro' our pleas - ures,      Thro' our prob - lems      He is

ac - tion,      Ev - 'ry thought;      Ev - er search - ing,      Ev - er  
 draw - ing      us a - part.      God is with us!      He is

dy - ing      In their des - p'rate thirst to live,      Proud and  
 with us!      Hear Him call - ing to His cross.      Drink His

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 MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

LONGING FOR GOD  
 4.4.7.4.4.7.D.

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D<sub>m</sub>      G<sub>m</sub>  
E

D<sub>m</sub>      G<sub>m</sub>      A<sub>m</sub> A<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup>      D<sub>m</sub>

*rit. last time*

an - gry,      Nev - er choos - ing      Life that on - ly      One can give.  
mer - cy!      Taste for - give - ness!      Find our Fa - ther!      Find our God!

The musical score is written in D minor, indicated by two flat symbols (Bb and Fb) in the key signature. It features a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The melody begins with a G4, followed by A4, Bb4, and continues with various intervals. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the melody. The piece concludes with a 'rit. last time' marking.

## **Micah 5:2-5a**

(NIV)

But you, Bethlehem...though you are small...out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

## **2 Corinthians 1:20**

(NASB)

As many as the promises of God are,  
in Him they are yes;  
therefore through Him also is  
our Amen to the glory of God through us.

## Christmas Is the Story of a Promise

Christmas is the story of a Promise.

For hundreds of years  
God had been making  
promises to His people.

He had promised  
    a Prince,  
    a Shepherd,  
    a Healer,  
    a Conqueror,  
    a Prophet,  
    a Priest,  
    a Lion,  
    a Lamb.

He had promised  
    Peace.

He had promised  
    Freedom.

He had promised  
    Love and Life  
    without end.

Finally,  
one evening,  
in the blackness of midnight,  
the promises all came wrapped together  
as one magnificent Promise.

The Promise was  
    a Baby.

The Promise was  
    Emmanuel.

The Promise was  
    God Himself.

Christmas is the story of a Promise,  
and the Promise is  
    *Jesus.*

Hymn Recording: [The Promise](#)



# The Promise

TUNE: The Holly and the Ivy  
2 Corinthians 1:20

F F Gm7 F F Gm7 C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup>

1. The Prom - ise is a vi - sion, A fu - ture far a - way.  
2. The Prom - ise comes in dark - ness, Sur - pris - ing us at night.  
3. The Prom - is - es are man - y. The Prom - is - es are one.  
4. The Prom - ise is great bless - ing. The Prom - ise is great wealth.

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The system includes four measures of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F F/A Bb F/C F F Bb F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

The Prom - ise is re - al - i - ty. The Prom - ise is to - day.  
The Prom - ise is sur - pris - ing Love. The Prom - ise is our Light.  
The Prom - is - es are Je - sus Christ. The Prom - is - es have come.  
The Prom - ise is E - ter - nal Life. The Prom - ise is Him - self.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics. The key signature remains one flat (Bb).

## Refrain

F F Gm7 F F Gm7 C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup>

O come em - brace the Prom - ise! O come and live the joy!

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first line of the Refrain consists of four measures of music with corresponding lyrics.

C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F F/A Bb F/C F F Bb F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

O come and love the Liv - ing Christ, Sweet Mar - y's lit - tle boy!

The second line of the Refrain continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics. The key signature remains one flat (Bb).

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MUSIC: Traditional English Melody;  
arr. by Ken Bible

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY  
7.6.8.6.D.

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## **Isaiah 40:9-11**

(NASB)

Go up on a high mountain,  
Zion, messenger of good news,  
Raise your voice forcefully,  
Jerusalem, messenger of good news;  
Raise it up, do not fear.  
Say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

Behold, the Lord God will come with might,  
With His arm ruling for Him.  
Behold, His compensation is with Him,  
And His reward before Him.

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,  
In His arm He will gather the lambs  
And carry them in the fold of His robe;  
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

## Father, Give Me Jesus

Father, Jesus is all Your holiness,  
Your wisdom,  
Your purity and love.  
He is all Your truth,  
Your completeness,  
Your perfection.  
As I know Him,  
I want to know Him more.  
As I want Him,  
I gladly release everything else.

Father, You eagerly give me everything good.  
Give me Jesus.  
Give me His Spirit,  
His mind,  
His beautiful, unbroken relationship with You.

Give Him to every individual I love.  
Give Him to Your Church,  
to our entire race.

Father, for every hunger,  
every need,  
every day,  
give us Jesus.

*Father, in Jesus Christ You give us  
all that Your boundless love  
ever longed to give.  
All Your power,  
all Your wisdom, love, and holiness are  
complete in Him, and  
He is ours, and  
we are Yours.*

Hymn Recording: [Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus](#)

# Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C C<sup>sus</sup> C C<sub>Bb</sub> F<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> F Am

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and  
 3. Bless - ed Je - sus, we a - dore You, Light of Life and

G<sub>Bb</sub><sup>m</sup> F<sub>C</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C C<sup>sus</sup> C C<sub>Bb</sub> F<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>

peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us  
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy  
 Sun of Love. All Your chil - dren bow be - fore You, Speak Your

F Am G<sub>Bb</sub><sup>m</sup> F<sub>C</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C<sup>7</sup> C<sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>

find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's Strength and Con - so -  
 gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal  
 name and lift You up. King of Kings, from high - est

C<sup>7</sup> F<sub>C</sub> C F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> F<sub>A</sub> F<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C F<sub>A</sub> F F<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art - Dear de - sire of  
 Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone. By Thine all - suf -  
 heav - en, Lord of Lords, come rule a - lone. Son of God so

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 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

HYFRYDOL  
 8.7.8.7.D.

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F     $\frac{E}{A}$     F    C     $\frac{E}{C}$     C<sup>7</sup>     $\frac{E}{C}$     C     $\frac{C}{B\flat}$      $\frac{E}{A}$      $\frac{C^7}{G}$     F    B $\flat$      $\frac{E}{A}$     B $\flat$      $\frac{E}{C}$     C<sup>7</sup>    F

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.  
 sweet - ly giv - en, Make our hearts Your ho - ly throne.

## **John 1:14-18**

(NASB)

The Word became flesh, and dwelt [lit., “tabernacled”] among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.

## **Matthew 5:17**

(NASB)

“Do not presume that I came to  
abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I did not come to abolish,  
but to fulfill.”

## **Hebrews 10:11-14**

(NASB)

Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but [Christ], having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

## Christ in Genesis and Exodus

In Genesis, at the very beginning, when God spoke the universe into existence, Jesus Christ was that sovereign, creative Word. All that the Father willed, the Word brought to reality (Genesis 1; John 1:1-18).

Christ was the deliverer God promised to Adam and Eve. He was their descendant who would crush Satan's head (Genesis 3:15).

Christ was the rainbow's promise to Noah that in the face of overwhelming evil, life would always triumph (Genesis 8:21; 9:8-17).

Christ was the heir promised to Abraham and the sacrifice God provided in place of Isaac (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:4; 22:8, 14).

Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest. Melchizedek and the entire Old Testament priesthood pointed ahead to Him (Genesis 14:17-20; Hebrews 7; 10:19-23).

In the Exodus, Christ was the Passover lamb. Through His blood God's people were saved from death (Exodus 12). Christ was the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and the Bread of the Presence (Exodus 25:30). His life was the completion of the entire sacrificial system and won forgiveness for all our race (Hebrews 10:11-14).

Jesus Christ fulfilled Sinai's law for all of us (Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4). Moses saw the back of God for a few seconds (Exodus 33:18-23; 34:1-7). In Christ we see Him face-to-face and are changed into His glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

The Tabernacle in the wilderness feasted our senses on reminders of God's presence (Exodus 40), but Jesus Christ is Himself God's tabernacle among us and within us (John 1:14).

Under the Old Testament law, the transcendent God could not be pictured in physical form, and anyone who tried was guilty of idolatry. But Jesus Christ is "*the image of the invisible God*" (Colossians 1:15) and "*the exact representation of his being*" (Hebrews 1:3, NIV).

In the creation, at Sinai, and in the wilderness, to Adam and Abraham and all God's people, the Father longed to make Himself known and trusted and loved. His desire is fulfilled completely and forever in Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us.

Consider this:  
*Why did God wait so long before sending  
Jesus Christ,*

*the final answer for all our needs?  
Because we can't understand Him without  
the law, the history, the Psalms, and the prophets.  
They form the necessary backdrop for  
all He is and all He has done.  
Without them, we can't fully receive Him as  
the fulfillment of all God's promises and purposes,  
as our Sacrifice, our Great High Priest, our Redeemer, and our King.*

**Hymn Recording: [Christ in Genesis and Exodus](#)**



# Christ in Genesis and Exodus

TUNE: Once in Royal David's City (IRBY)

Genesis 1; 3:15; 8:21; 9:8-17; 12:1-3; 14:17-20; 15:4; 22;  
Exodus 12; 15; 16; 19; 25:8-9, 30; 33:18-23; 34:1-7; 40:34-38;  
Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-18

♩ = 76

$\frac{F}{C}$   $C^7$   $F$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $C$   $F$   $F$   $\frac{F}{E}$   $Dm^7$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $BbM^9$   $C^7_{sus}$   $C^7$   $F$   $\frac{F}{C}$

1. Christ the Fa - ther's Word is spo - ken. Know the great Cre - a - tor's heart!  
2. Christ the war - rior, might - y vic - tor, Comes to crush the ser - pent's head;  
3. Christ the Son so long a - wait - ed, Bless - ed seed of A - bra - ham,  
4. Hear His voice, and see His glo - ry, Trust His strong and ho - ly hand.

$\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C^7}{G}$   $F$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$   $Gm^7$   $A^7$   $Dm$   $\frac{Dm}{C}$   $Bb$   $BbM^7$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $Bbadd^9$   $Gm^7$   $C^7_{sus}$   $C^7$   $F$   $\frac{F}{A}$

See His won - ders, taste His grac - es: Life and light and ho - ly art,  
Christ the rain - bow, Christ the prom - ise, Christ the true, e - ter - nal bread,  
Christ the wealth of wis - dom's treas - ure, Christ the priest and Christ the lamb,  
God him - self now tents a - mong us As we near the prom - ised land.

## Refrain

$Bb$   $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$   $\frac{Bb}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $Gm^7$   $C^7$   $F$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $Bb$   $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$   $\frac{Bb}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $Gm^9$   $Gm$   $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $C^9$   $F$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $F$

Love be - yond what words can tell - God made flesh, Im - man - u - el!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett; arr. by Ken Bible

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## Psalm 98

(NASB)

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
For He has done wonderful things,  
His right hand and His holy arm have [a]gained the victory for Him.  
The Lord has made His salvation known;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered His graciousness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;  
Be cheerful and sing for joy and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
With the lyre and the [b]sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
Shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.

May the sea roar and all it contains,  
The world and those who dwell in it.  
May the rivers clap their hands,  
May the mountains sing together for joy  
Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth;  
He will judge the world with righteousness  
And the peoples with fairness.

## Reflection on Psalm 98

From the very beginning,  
    God has longed to be  
    with His people.  
From the garden to the  
    wilderness, from the  
    tabernacle to the  
    temple,  
God has burned with the desire to  
    live among His people and  
    be their God in the fullest possible sense.

He planned it.  
He promised it, and  
    in His absolute sovereignty,  
    He determined that it would be so.

He came once –  
    to become one of us and  
    to give His own life to rescue us.  
And He left only  
    to pour out His Spirit on us and  
    to prepare for our full, eternal union with Him.

The same sovereign love that caused Him to come once  
    is bringing Him back.  
He has promised, and  
    He yearns for us with the heart of a Father.  
Nothing can keep Him away.  
    Nothing.

All His people,  
all the nations,  
all creation,  
    rejoice!  
    Stay ready!  
    Wait expectantly!  
HE IS COMING!

Hymn Recording: [Psalm 98](#)

# Psalm 98

Tune: WARRENTON, alt. (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

♩ = 88

*Unison*

C G<sup>7</sup> C F E C C C<sup>sus</sup> C F

1. Sing our sov - 'reign God un - chang - ing. Sing a joy each  
 2. All the earth, re - ceive Your Sav - ior, Life and free - dom,  
 3. All cre - a - tion joins the sing - ing. Earth and heav - ens,

C G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>sus</sup> C G B C<sup>sus</sup> C G F E A E C

mo - ment new. Sing His deep and end - less won - ders.  
 truth and grace, Jus - tice, peace, and rich a - bun - dance.  
 dis - tant lands, Moun - tains, is - lands dance with glad - ness,

*Refrain*

C C<sup>sus</sup> C F C G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>13</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C C E G Am<sup>7</sup> G B

Sing what might - y love can do. He comes! He comes! Re -  
 Praise your Mak - er face - to - face! He comes! He comes! Re -  
 All the riv - ers clap their hands.

C C C G<sup>sus</sup> G C Dm<sup>7</sup> C F C G<sup>7</sup> C

joice! Be rea - dy! Set your heart on Him a - lone.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844, and Ken Bible

WARRENTON 2  
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**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**  
(NASB)

The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light;  
Those who live in a dark land,  
The light will shine on them.

For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of armies will accomplish this.

# Christ the Light

## Darkness:

separation from Light  
ignorance  
uncertainty  
suffering  
fear  
lostness  
grief  
death

## Light:

the presence of God  
truth  
knowing  
complete well-being  
joy  
belonging  
love  
life

*In him was life, and  
that life was the light of all mankind.  
The light shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5, NIV)*

*"I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)*

*The city [New Jerusalem] has no need of  
the sun or of the moon to shine on it,  
for the glory of God has illuminated it, and  
its lamp is the Lamb. (Revelation 21:23, NASB)*

Hymn Recording: [Christ the Light](#)

# Christ the Light

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 60:1-3, 19-21; Luke 1:76-79; John 1:4-9; 8:12;  
1 John 1:5; Revelation 21: 22-27; 22:5, 16

♩ = 88

F A C# Dm Dm C Bb6 A sus A Dm

1. In dark - ness see the Star a - rise. Its  
2. Our God is Light, a liv - ing flame, At  
3. No death or dark - ness, grief or fear En -

Gm Fadd9 A BbM7 C sus C F F A C7 E Dm F A Gm7 Bb

glim - mer lifts our wea - ry eyes. Its prom - ise shines in deep - est  
night or dawn, al - ways the same. O what a truth a - waits our  
dures when God Him - self is here. Then love is full, and life is

C sus C Dm Gm F A Gm Bb Dm C sus C F

night: The dawn is com - ing- Christ the Light!  
sight! What joy, what beau - ty: Christ the Light!  
right, And all is bathed in Christ the Light!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) and Ken Bible

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## Isaiah 11:1-9

(NASB)

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,  
And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,  
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and strength,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
And He will delight in the fear of the Lord,  
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,  
Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;  
But with righteousness He will judge the poor,  
And decide with fairness for the humble of the earth;  
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.  
Also righteousness will be the belt around His hips,  
And faithfulness the belt around His waist.

And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,  
And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,  
And the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer will be together;  
And a little boy will lead them.  
Also the cow and the bear will graze,  
Their young will lie down together,  
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,  
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,  
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea.



## Kingdom of Peace

Peace begins in God.  
It begins with His completeness in Himself and  
with the love and perfect unity among the  
Father, Son, and Spirit.

Peace comes to us in Christ.  
He who is one with the Father and  
one with the Spirit became  
one *of* us.  
And as we simply trust Him, like children,  
He becomes one *with* us.

When Christ has finished what He has started,  
when we are one with Him, we will be  
one with the Father and  
one with the Spirit as well.  
As we are one with them,  
we will also be one with each other,  
and the peace of God will be perfect and complete.  
Creation itself will then be transformed.  
As Romans 8 says:

*The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.  
For the creation was subjected to frustration...  
in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and  
brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. (vv.19-21, NIV)*

Peace will reign in all creation:  
no more disharmony; only  
unity,  
contentment,  
completeness, and  
well-being;  
full, open, fruitful, unimpaired relationships throughout all reality.  
Just imagine!

Beauty and truth,  
pleasure and purity,  
humanity and holiness,  
justice and mercy, will be  
full and in perfect harmony,  
just as they have always been

full and in perfect harmony in God.

Art and science,  
celebration and reflection,  
giving and receiving,  
worship and play  
will simply be facets of being in Him constantly and completely.

Everyone will be  
beautiful in their God-breathed individuality.

We will be  
    like Him,  
    with Him, and  
    complete in Him  
forever.

O come, Prince of Peace!

**Hymn Recording: [Peace, Peace, Peace](#)**

# Peace, Peace, Peace

TUNE: Still, Still, Still  
Romans 5:1-11

♩ = 80

Chords: D, E<sup>#</sup>m C<sup>#</sup>, Bm, D/A, E<sup>m</sup> G, A<sup>9</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, D, D/F<sup>#</sup>

1. Peace, peace, peace— The gift of Christ is peace. We  
 2. Hope, hope, hope— The light of Christ is hope. In  
 3. Love, love, love— The heart of Christ is love. On  
 4. Joy, joy, joy— We praise You, Christ, with joy! Our

Chords: E<sup>m</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, D, D<sup>sus</sup> D/E F<sup>#</sup>, D/A, E<sup>m</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, D, D/A D<sup>sus</sup> D/E F<sup>#</sup>, D/A

walk with God, our past for - giv - en. All in Him is life and heav - en.  
 all our dark-ness Christ is shin - ing, Lead - ing up - ward, faith re - fin - ing.  
 all who come He pours His pres - ence— Life and love in ho - ly es - sence.  
 peace, our hope, our love and treas - ure, High - est call - ing, deep - est pleas - ure!

Chords: D, E<sup>#</sup>m C<sup>#</sup>, Bm, D/A, E<sup>m</sup> G, A<sup>9</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, D

Peace, peace, peace— The gift of Christ is peace.  
 Hope, hope, hope— The light of Christ is hope.  
 Love, love, love— The heart of Christ is love.  
 Joy, joy, joy— We praise You, Christ, with joy!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: Traditional Austrian Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

STILL, STILL, STILL  
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## **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

(NASB)

The Lord Himself will descend from heaven  
with a shout,  
with the voice of the archangel and  
with the trumpet of God, and  
the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who remain,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air, and  
so we will always be with the Lord.

## God Keeps His Promises

During His final days on earth, Jesus told His disciples what was to come:

*“All the nations of the earth... will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”*

(Matthew 24:30-31, NIV)

Every year Advent and Christmas shout this truth:

God keeps His promises.

Though the promises are ancient, and

the wait is long, and

the fulfillment seems so improbable,

God always keeps His promises.

For centuries God had spoken through His prophets,  
telling in amazing detail of a coming Messiah.

Jesus Christ came exactly as prophesied.

The same God promises that

this same Jesus will come again.

He urges us to be watchful,

to be faithful,

for the Day will come when least expected.

Lord, we are watching.

We are waiting.

We are obeying.

Come, Lord Jesus!

*The great drama of salvation,  
with all its faithfulness and betrayal,  
its patient endurance and apostasy,  
its self-centeredness and self-sacrifice,  
is going on right now.  
Each of us is taking part day by day.*

*Father, when Jesus returns,  
may I be faithfully at my post,  
trusting, serving, and eagerly expecting Him.*

Hymn Recording: [The Trumpet Will Sound](#)

# The Trumpet Will Sound

Matthew 24:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7:10-12; 22:20

♩ = 88

N.C. N.C. C N.C.  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am  $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{Csus}{F}$

$\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$  G Am  $\frac{C}{F}$   $\frac{Csus}{F}$  Gsus G  $\frac{Csus}{G}$  Csus  $\frac{Csus}{G}$  C

C C G C G Am FM<sup>7</sup> F C G

1. The trum - pet will sound. Our Lord will de - scend On  
2. One blink of an eye God And we will be changed. This  
3. Sal - va - tion to God Who sits on the throne, And

F  $\frac{G7}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  Am  $\frac{D7}{A}$  Gsus  $\frac{Gsus}{D}$  G C C G C  $\frac{C}{E}$

clouds with great pow - er and glo - ry. The dead will a - rise, Then  
dy - ing will van - ish for - ev - er. Then all will be clothed In  
un - to the Lamb be all glo - ry! All wis - dom and strength, All

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MUSIC: George Frederick Handel and Ken Bible

TRUMPET CALL  
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F  $\frac{Dm}{G}$  G7 C<sub>sus</sub> C Em Am A<sub>sus</sub> Am Em E<sub>sus</sub> Em F F6  $\frac{G}{F}$

those who re - main Will gath - er to Him from all na -  
un - end - ing life. Im - mor - tal, we'll reign in His pres -  
hon - or and praise For - ev - er and ev - er be giv -

Em7  $\frac{C}{E}$  C G G<sup>6</sup> Dm G7 Am G7 C  $\frac{C}{E}$  F  $\frac{G}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$

tions. All hearts will be one, Yes, we will be one For - ev - er with  
ence. O thanks be to God! All thanks be to God! Our fu - ture is  
en! Your peo - ple say, "Come!" Our spir - its say, "Come!" O come, Je - sus

1, 2 Dm7 G C D.C. 3 Dm7 G7 C<sub>sus</sub>  $\frac{C_{sus}}{G}$  C

Christ our Lord! Christ our Lord!  
Christ our Lord!

♩ = 88

Bb trumpet: play at the beginning of all three verses

## **Isaiah 65:17**

(NASB)

behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;  
And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

## **John 14:1-3**

(NASB)

“Do not let your heart be troubled;  
believe in God,  
believe also in Me.  
In My Father’s house are many rooms;  
if that were not so, I would have told you,  
because I am going there to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I am coming again and  
will take you to Myself,  
so that where I am,  
there you also will be.”



## Energetic Waiting

Father, You call us to  
wait on You.  
But the waiting You want is not  
passive.  
Waiting on You is  
active and  
energetic.  
You call us to wait  
focused on You,  
trusting You,  
obeying You,  
glorifying You,  
serving You wholeheartedly,  
eagerly anticipating  
our full joining with You.

Father, we believe that You are  
all You say You are.  
We believe You will do  
all You say You will do.  
You say You will judge the world  
in perfect righteousness.  
You say Your judgment  
could come at any moment.  
You say Your judgment  
will determine our eternal destiny:  
deep and endless life or  
deep and endless death,  
unending joy in You or  
unspeakable separation from You.

So, today and every day  
we will await Your coming  
actively and  
energetically.  
Our hearts will be standing at the door,  
waiting,  
listening, and  
longing for You.

Hymn Recording: [Come, Our Lord!](#)

# Come, Our Lord!

TUNE: Old Black Joe  
*Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-22:5*

♩ = 92

C  $\overset{7}{G} \text{ sus}$  C F  $\overset{G}{F}$  F C  $\overset{Am7}{G}$  G

*mf*

1. Lift up your eyes To the earth we now can see.  
2. See all the joy On the Fa - ther's smil - ing face.  
3. Come, join the meal, With the fam - 'ly all a - round.

C  $\overset{7}{G} \text{ sus}$  D C E F Fadd9 Dm7  $\overset{Am}{F\#}$  Gsus G  $\overset{Dm}{G}$  G

Lift up your hearts To the world that soon will be.  
Come, feel the warmth Of e - ter - nal love's em - brace.  
Come, drink the wine Of a love now more pro - found.

C  $\overset{7}{G} \text{ sus}$  C F G7  $\overset{Dm}{B}$  C D C  $\overset{C}{B}$  C

Life will be new, And its sor - rows come no more. We  
Taste all the fruits Of an E - den now re - stored. We  
Breathe all the peace Of His bless - ings now out - poured. The

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MUSIC: Stephen C. Foster; arr. by Ken Bible

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$\frac{G^7}{D}$   $C^{sus}$   $\frac{G^7}{B}$   $G\sharp^{\circ 7}$   $A_m$   $F$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $D_m^7$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^7_{sus}$   $G^7$   $C$

hun - ger for Your new cre - a - tion. Come, our Lord! "I'm  
 sing the hope that ris - es in us: Come, our Lord! "I'm  
 Morn - ing Star is bright - ly shin - ing. Come, our Lord! "I'm

$C$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{G}{F}$   $F$   $C$   $\frac{C}{E}$

com - ing! I'm com - ing To the loved ones I a - dore." We  
 com - ing! I'm com - ing To be with you ev - er - more." We  
 com - ing! I'm com - ing, So be pa - tient through the storm." We

$G$   $G^{sus}$   $\frac{G}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^7_{sus}$   $G^7$   $C$

hear Your voice and trust Your prom - ise. Come, our Lord!  
 hear Your voice and trust Your prom - ise. Come, our Lord!  
 hear Your voice and trust Your prom - ise. Come, our Lord!