

Hymns for 6th December 2020 – ADVENT 2

I Hear A Sound

SiSB 135. Tune: I hear aa sound

1. I hear a sound coming from the mountain.
I hear it louder each day.
I hear a sound coming from the mountain,
and it says “prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

2. I see a King standing on the mountain.
I see Him clearer each day.
I see the King standing on the mountain,
and He says, “prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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God has spoken by his prophets

TiS 158. Tune: Ode to Joy

1. God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holds us fast;
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.
3. God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast,
God still speaks, his word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959) alt.

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The great love of God.

TiS 164. Tune: Thailand

1. The great love of God
is revealed in the Son,
who came to this earth
to redeem everyone.
2. That love, like a stream
flowing clear to the sea,
makes clean every heart
that from sin would be free.
3. It binds the whole world,
every barrier it breaks,
the hills it lays low,
and the mountains it shakes.
4. it's yours, it is ours,
O how lavishly given!
the pearl of great price,
and the treasure of heaven.

Daniel T. Niles 1908-1970

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The people that in darkness walked

TiS 274. Tune: TiS 299 Winchester

1. The people that in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
the light has shined on them who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.
2. To hail you, Sun of righteousness,
the gathering nations come:
rejoicing as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.
3. To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.
5. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above
and peace abound below.

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and compilers vv.1,2

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There's a light upon the mountains

TIS 276. Tune: There's a light upon the mountains

1. There's a light upon the mountains,
and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting,
and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking,
and we hail it with a song.

2. There's a hush of expectation,
and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus
is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit
Is the travail of his own.

3. He is breaking down the barriers,
he is casting up the way,
he is calling for his angels
to build up the gates of day:
but his angels here are human,
not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of his army
are the heart-beats of our love.

4. Hark, we hear a distant music,
and it comes with fuller swell
the great triumph song of Jesus,
of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest
for the triumph of our King!

Henry Burton 1840-1930 alt.

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