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Set every peak and valley.

Humming with the Word

the Lord is coming!
(ELW248)

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"Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!"
—"Prepare the Royal Highway"
(ELW 264)



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Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation. Amen.



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. ... All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (LUKE 3:4-6)



"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'" (LUKE 2:10-11)



Most High God, by the Spirit's power form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. Amen.



"O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel."
—"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"
(ELW 257)



"Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
(LUKE 1:78-79)



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God of presence and peace, strengthen us to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all creation. Amen.



God of new dawns and second chances, send us the courage and compassion we need to work for the dawning of peace in our hearts, homes, neighborhoods and world. Amen.



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. ... And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)



"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long."
(PSALM 25:4-5)



God, our wise ruler, you care for those in need and cannot be moved. Give us wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and awe to honor your ways of justice and peace. Amen.



"Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conque."
—"Vamos todos al banquete; Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"
(ELW 523)



"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.'" (LUKE 1:46-48)



"Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today — Love, the Lord, is on the way."
—"People, Look East"
(ELW 248)



"Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth."
—"Silent Night, Holy Night"
(ELW 281)



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"My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn."
—"Canticle of the Turning"
(ELW 723)



"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
(ISAIAH 12:5-6)