



Choral Series

# for young people

## Prepare a Way Tell the World

Assembly, Unison Choir, Descant,  
Keyboard, and Guitar

Assembly, Two-part Choir,  
Keyboard, and Guitar

## Prepare a Way

Matthew 3:3; Isaiah 40:3–5a, 9; 11:6a, 9a;  
Luke 1:76–79

Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman

**INTRO** *With great joy* (♩. = ca. 60)

Keyboard

D A/D G/D

D A/D C G/B Asus4 A

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♩ REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor; thereafter: All

Descant

A — voice cries out: ————— “Pre - pare a

Melody

A — voice cries out in the mil - de - ness: ————— “Pre - pare a

D Gm/D D

way, a way for the Lord!” Re - jice, re - jice!

way for the Lord!” ————— Re ————— O peo - ple!

G C G/B A Bm F#m

**W**

**L**

**R**

**M**

**A**

**S**

O - pen your hearts. Make read - y a way for the Lord!

O - pen your hearts. Make read - y a way for the Lord!

G D/F# Em Asus4 Bm Bm/A

1-3

Make read - y a way for the Lord!

Make read - y a way for the Lord!

1-3 E/G# Em Asus4 D A/D G/D

Gm/D D A/G# C G G/A to Verses

Final

read - y a way for the Lord!

read - y a way for the Lord!

Final

Em7

Asus4

A7

D

A/D

G/D

Gm/D

D

C

Gmadd9/Bb A7sus4

D

Fine

VERSE 1: Cantor

1. Ev - 'ry val - ley be ra ev - 'ry

Bb

C/Bb

F

Dm7

1. moun - tain made low. God's glo - ry shall be re -

F/G

G7

C

C/B

Am

Em

F

*D.S.*

*D.S.*

*D.S.*

1. vealed; all peo-ples shall see it as one.

C/E Dm G/D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A

**VERSE 2: Cantor**

2. From the top of the moun - tain lift your voice on

Bb C/Bb F Dm7 F/G G7

2. high, and say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: "Be-

C C/B Am Em F C/E

*D.S.*

*D.S.*

2. hold, be - hold your God!"

Dm G/D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A

VERSE 3: All

3. For the proph - et of God \_\_\_\_\_ will pre - pare \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_

Bb C/Bb F Dm7 F/G G7

3. way. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, light \_\_\_\_\_ of those in the dark, to \_\_\_\_\_

C C/B Am Em F C/E

3. guide them to God's ho - ly One. \_\_\_\_\_

Dm G/D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A

*D.S.* *D.S.*

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# Composer Notes

## *Prepare a Way*

The story of John the Baptist is intimately woven throughout the story of Jesus' birth and ministry. John is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that there will be one "crying in the desert." The text of *Prepare a Way*, based on John's words and Isaiah's prophecy, bids us to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord whenever he comes, for he comes to bring light, joy, and peace.

The tempo and spirit of this song is very life-giving and is meant to be sung with great joy. The key is to perform the song rhythmically but not too quickly.

You may wish to have contrasting sets and types of voices from refrain to verse. The children may find the descant challenging. You may wish to perform the song without the descant if you are performing the song with younger children, although it can be sung with the right amount of rehearsal.

## *Tell the World*

Inspired by Isaiah's message of joyful hope, *Tell the World* lends itself to our most profound theme of Advent. As adults and children eagerly anticipate receiving a great gift, this piece emits an equal sentiment of the great gift of redemption from God, in a savior.

Children will enjoy the echoing that exists within the refrain. Divide them into two sections to echo one another, or have a small group provide the echo. Contrasting sets of voices will provide the best array of vocal color. You may choose to have a soloist or small schola of singers take the verses.

—Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO** *With great joy* (♩. = ca. 60)

D A/D G/D D A/D C G/B Asus4 A

**REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor; thereafter: All**

D Gm/D D

A voice cries out in the "Pre - pare a

G C G/B A Dm F#m G

way for the Lord!" Re - pe - te O peo - ple! O - pen your

D/F# Em Asus4 A Bm Bm/A E/G#

1-3 Em7

hearts. Make read - y a way for the Lord! Make read - y a

Asus4 A7 D A/D G/D Gm/D D A/D G/D G G/A

to Verses

way for the Lord!

**Final** Em7 Asus4 A7 D A/D G/D

read - y a way for the Lord!

Gm/D D Asus4/C Gmadd9/Bb A7sus4 D

*no rit.* **Fine**

VERSE 1: Cantor

B $\flat$  C/B $\flat$  F Dm7 F/G G7

1. Ev - 'ry val - ley be raised, \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry moun - tain made \_\_\_\_\_

C C/B Am Em F C/E

1. low. \_\_\_\_\_ Then God's \_\_\_\_\_ be re - vealed; all

Dm G/D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A D.S.

1. peo - ples shall see it as \_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 2: Cantor

B $\flat$  C/B $\flat$  F Dm7 F/G G7

2. From the top of the moun - tain \_\_\_\_\_ lift your voice \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

C C/B Am C/E

2. high, \_\_\_\_\_ and say to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ju - dah: "Be -

Dm G/D G Asus4 A D.S.

2. hold, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ your God!" \_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 3: All

B $\flat$  C/B $\flat$  F F/G G7

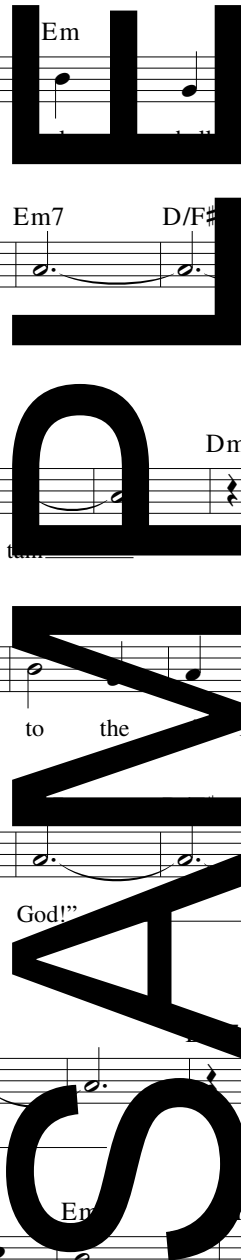
3. For the proph - et of God \_\_\_\_\_ will pre - pare \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_

C C/B Am Em F C/E

3. way. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, light the way of those in the dark, to

Dm G/D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A D.S.

3. guide them to God's ho - ly One. \_\_\_\_\_



# Tell the World

Gerard Chiusano and Mary Hochman

INTRO *With great joy* (♩ = ca. 144)

Keyboard

Chords: D, Em7, D/F#, G, Asus4, A

The introductory keyboard part is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The piece concludes with a final chord of A.

Melody

Tell the earth! Tell the sky! Tell the world a Sav - ior is

Harmony (after verses 2 & 3)

Tell the earth! Tell the sky! A Sav - ior is

The vocal melody is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Tell the earth! Tell the sky! Tell the world a Sav - ior is". The harmony part, labeled "Harmony (after verses 2 & 3)", provides accompaniment for the melody. The accompaniment is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Tell the earth! Tell the sky! A Sav - ior is".

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# S

com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy! Tell the

com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy!

G/D D Em A

world a king — will be born! No more dark, no more

A king — will be born! No more dark, no more

Em A D D/C#

doubt and fear, for love will have end. Tell all

doubt and fear, for love will have end.

Bm D/F# G G#dim7

hearts, young and old, tell the world sal - va - tion will

Tell all hearts, young and old sal - va - tion will

D/A Em7 D/F# G A

1-3 to Verses Final

come! come! Tell all hearts, young and

come! come! Tell all hearts,

1-3 D to Verses Final Bm G#dim/ D/A

old, tell the world sal - va - tion will come!

young and old, sal - va - tion will come!

Em7 D/F# G A D Fine

Verses 1 & 2: Solo; Verse 3: All

1. Peace will flow a - cross the na - tions, all will  
 2. In the splen - dor of that new day on - ly  
 3. God will bring to us sal - va - tion, in a

[D] Bm F#m

1. live in har - mo - ny. No long - er will the  
 2. rays of hope will shine, for God will walk a -  
 3. gift of ho - ly love, brought forth in God's a -

G D D/F#

1. wars rage on, God's love will set us  
 2. mong his own, and love will ev - er reign.  
 3. noint - ed one, our Sav - ior from a -

F#m Bm E7sus4 E7sus4 A D.S.

# Tell the World

(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO *With great joy* (♩ = ca. 144)

D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 A

## REFRAIN

Melody D Em7 D/F#

Tell the earth! Tell the sky! Tell the world a Sav - ior is

Harmony (after verses 2 & 3)

Tell the earth! Tell the sky! A Sav - ior is

G/D D Em A

com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy! Tell the

com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy!

Em A D D/C# Bm D/F#

world a king — will be born! No more dark no more doubt and fear, for

A king — will be born! No more dark no more doubt and fear, for

G G#dim7 A Em7

love will have no end. Tell all hearts, young and old, tell the

love will have no end. Tell all hearts, young and old,

D/F# G A **1-3** D **to Verses** **Final** Bm G#dim7 D/A

world sal - va - tion will come! come! Tell all hearts,

sal - va - tion will come! come! Tell all

Em7 D/F# G A D *Fine*

young and old, tell - tion will come!

hearts, young and old, sal - va - tion will come!

VERSES

[D] Bm F#m

Verses 1 & 2: Solo; Verse 3: All

- 1. Peace will flow a - cross the - tions, all will
- 2. In the splen - dor of the day on - ly
- 3. God will bring to us sal - va - tion, in a

G D D/F#

- 1. live in har - mo - ny, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. rays of hope will shine, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. gift of ho - ly love, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ long - er will the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ God will walk a -  
 \_\_\_\_\_ forth in God's a -

F#m Bm E7sus4 E7 E7sus4 A *D.S.*

- 1. wars rage on, \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ love will set \_\_\_\_\_ free
- 2. mong his own, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love will \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. noint - ed one, \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ Sav - ior from a - \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARE A WAY

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Refrain

A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness: "Pre - pare a way for the Lord!"

Re - joice, O peo - ple! O - pen your hearts. Make read - y a way for the Lord!

1-3

read - y a way for the Lord!

Final

read - y a way for the Lord!

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to Verses

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TELL THE WORLD

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Refrain

Tell the earth! Tell the sky! Tell the world a Sav -

- ior is com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy!

Tell the world a king will be born! No more dark,

no more doubt and fear, for love will have no end. Tell all

1-3

hear - ing a king will be born! Tell all

sal - va - tion will come! Tell all

sal - va - tion will come!

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