



Choral Series

for young people

Prepare a Way Tell the World

Assembly, Unison Choir, Director, Keyboard, and Guitar

Assembly, Two-part Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Prepare a Way

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

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INTRO With great joy (♩. = ca. 120)

Keyboard

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

Descant

A voice cries out: "Pre - pare a

Melody

A voice cries out the wil - derness: "Pre - pare a

D Gm/D

way, a way for the Lord!" Re - joice, re - joice!

way for the Lord!" - joice, O peo - ple!

G C G/B Bm F#m

PREPARE A WAY

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

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

G D/F# Em Asus4 Bm Bm/A

1-3

Make read - y a

Make read - y a way for the Lord!

1-3

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

Gm/D D A/D G/D 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 Asus4/C Gmadd9/Bb A7sus4 D *Fine*

no rit.

VERSE 1: Cantor

1. Ev - 'ry val - ley raised, ev - 'ry

Bb C/Bb F Dm7

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

F/G G7 C Dm Am Em F

D.S.

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

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

D.S.

VERSE 2: Cantor

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

Bb C/Bb Dm7 F/G G7

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

C C/B F C/E

2. hold, be - hold your G

Dm G/D Em7 F# G Asus4 A

D.S.

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 the way of those in the dark, to _____

C C/B m Em F C/E

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

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

D.S. *D.S.*

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 was meant to be sung with great joy. The key is to perform the song rhythmically and joyfully.

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 receiving 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 do so. 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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C
O
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Prepare a Way

(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 wilderness: "Pre - pare a

G C G/B Bm F#m G

way for the Lord!" Re - joice, O peo - ple! O - pen your

D/F# Em Asus4 A7 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 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 _____'s glo - shall be re - vealed; all

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

1. peo - ples shall see it as one. _____

VERSE 2: Cantor

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

2. From the top of the mountains lift your voice _____ on _____

C C/B Am Em F C/E

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

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

2. hold, _____ be - hold _____ your God _____

VERSE 3: All

B \flat C/B \flat F Dm7 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

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INTRO *With great joy* (♩ = ca. 144)

Keyboard

D Em7 D/F# G Asus4 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

D Em7 D/F#

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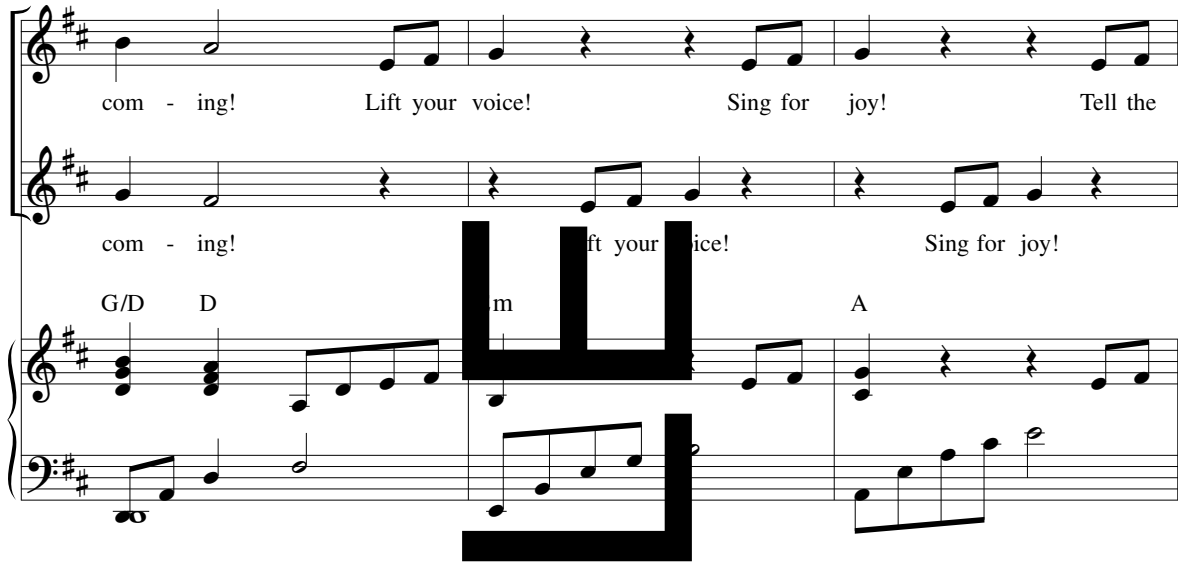
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com - ing! Lift your voice! Sing for joy! Tell the

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G/D D m A



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

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

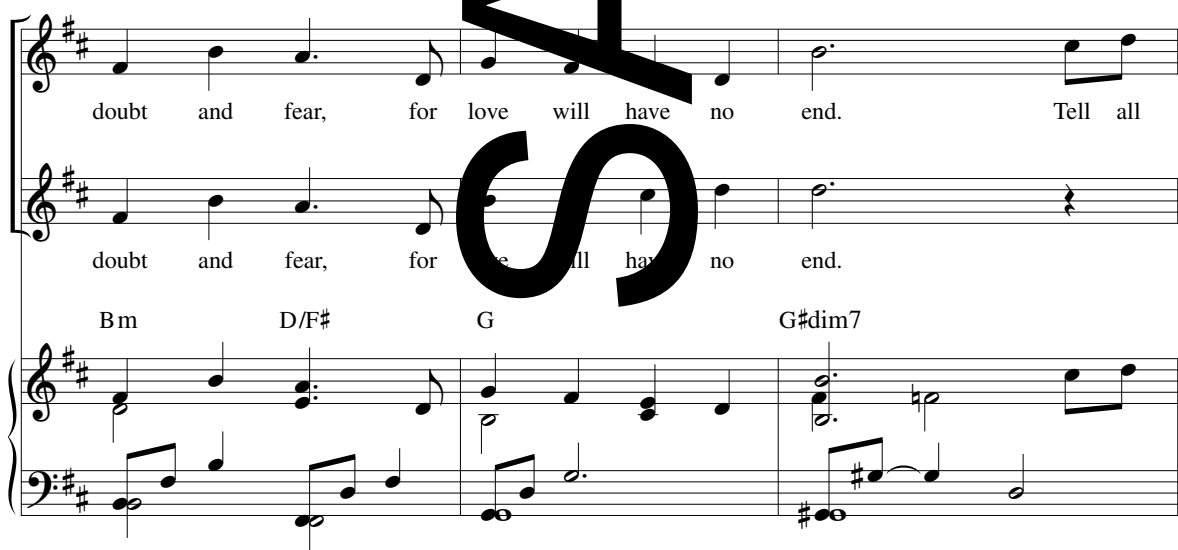
Em A D D/C#



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

doubt and fear, for love will have no 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 E7 D/F# G A

1-3 to Verses Fine

come! come! Tell all hearts, young and

come! come! Tell all hearts,

1-3 to Verses Fine

D Bm G#dim7 D/A

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

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

Fine

Em7 D/F# 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

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 -

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

F#m Bm E7sus4 E7 Asus4 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 Em7 A

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

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

Em A 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,

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

D/F# G A D

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 the world sal - va - 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 across the na - tions, all will
 2. In the splen - dor of that new - day on - ly
 3. God will bring to sal - va - tion, in a

G D/F#

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 -

F#m Bm E7sus4 E7 Asus4 A D.S.

1. wars rage on, God's re - ve - ned set free.
 2. mong his own, and the ev - er - reign.
 3. noint - ed one, our Sa - vor from a - bove.

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 - joi-ce, 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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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

hells, young men, women, children, and all the world sal - va -

tion will come! come! Tell all

1-3, Final to Verses 4

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