Arise, O Christian People

1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves to-day;
    Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your best.
sins away. To us by grace alone

2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the high;
    Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this side,
soul shall lie. The heart sincere and right, That

3 The humble heart and lowly God raises up on Advent-tide. From stall and manager low
    Beneath His feet in terror. The haughty comes;
truth and light were given; The promised Lord from

4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me a-day;
    And help me to receive You. This blessed heav’nly guest.
heavens God’s invitation And makes true preparation

heaven To all the world is shown.
basis, His path all even lay.
ra- tion— It is the Lord’s delight.
gladly And forth Your glory show.

Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Tune: New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein, Hamburg, 1598, alt.

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Luke 3:4–5; 1 Peter 5:5b-6; Ps. 51:10–12

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Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

1 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten
Radiance of the
Father's face, Word made flesh, who lived among us
Full of truth and full of grace, Shine upon our human darkness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.

2 Word eternal, through Your being God created
all we see, When the empty spaces echoed
With the Father's "Let there be..." Light and life burst from the glorious Power of Your majesty!

3 Still Your brooding Spirit hovers over chaos,
dark and deep, Calling out with invitation:
"Rise, awakened from your sleep; Christ the Lord will shine upon you And from death your soul shall keep."

4 Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit In our hearts Your
work begin, Bring the healing restoration
Of Your image lost by sin; From Your fullness all receiving Grace on grace, new life within!

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1. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes-se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's tyr-an-ny;

That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
From depths of hell Thy peo-ple save And give them vic-tory o'er the grave.

Re-joice! re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!
Re-joice! re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el! A-men.

3 O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and Our spirits by Thine Advent here; [cheer
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma-nuel
Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

4 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav-enly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma-nuel
Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

Latin Antiphons, XI Century
Latin Hymn, XVIII Century
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1841, 1901
Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

1 Jesus came, the heav'n's adoring, Came with peace from realms on high; 
2 Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care; 
3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins for giv'n; 
4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears; 

Jesus came to win redemption, 
Jesus comes again in answer 
Jesus comes with words of gladness, 
Jesus comes, whatever befalls us, 

Lowly came on earth to die; 
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer; 
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n. 
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; 

Alleluia! 
Alleluia! 
Alleluia! 
Alleluia! 

Alleluia! Came in deep humility, 
Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair. 
Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n. 
Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
Tune: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1698; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Zech. 9:9; Luke 2:14; John 14:18; Matt. 25:31-34

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Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

1 Come, your hearts and voices rais-ing, Christ the
Lord with glad-ness prais-ing; Loud-ly sing His love a-
maz-ing, Wor-thy folk of Chris-ten-dom.

2 Christ, from heav’n to us de-scend-ing And in
love our race be-friend-ing; In our need His help ex-
tend-ing, Saved us from the wi-ly foe.

3 Ja-cob’s star in all its splen-dor Beams with
com-fort sweet and ten-der, For-cing Sa-tan to sur-
ren-der, Break-ing all the pow’rs of hell.

4 From the bond-age that op-pressed us, From sin’s
tfet-ters that pos-sessed us, From the grief that sore dis-
tressed us, We, the cap-tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing, Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
And to You we come confessing From Your lowly manger cheer us,
That Your love has set us free. Gently lead us and be near us

6 Till we join Your choir above.
Of the Father’s Love Begotten

1 Of the Father’s love begotten Ere the worlds began
2 Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the virgin gan to be,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
4 O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him; Angel hosts, prais’d sing. Pow’rs, dom-in-ions, bow before Him,
△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thank-s-giv’-ing

He the source, the end-ing He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Bore the Sav-iour of our race, And the babe, the world’s Re-deem-ed, First re-vealed His sacred face
Prom-ised in their faith-ful word. Now He shines, the long ex-pect-ed; Let cre-a-tion praise its Lord
And ex-tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be si-lent, Ev’ry voice in con-cert ring
And un-end-ing prais’-es be, Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion, And e-ter-nal vic-to-ry

Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. A-men.

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Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, sts. 1–4, alt.;
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