

A Hymn for the Beginning of Advent

Prepare the way

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Suggested melody: *Rachel*

Theme: The message of John the Baptist

"Prepare the way!" the Baptist cried
as people gathered round.

"Repent! Believe! The time is now!"
he called out to the crowd.

"Your Lord is here! God has come down
to live with you today.

"Be ready now to welcome Him.
You should prepare the way!"

"Prepare the way!" the voice rings out,
its purpose loud and clear.

"Be ready, for the hour has come!

Look now! Your God is here!

This is the time you've waited for.

Wake up! This is the day!

Don't waste your time by asking 'Why?'

You must prepare the way!"

"Prepare the way!" he calls again.

It's time to make our choice
as here and now we're challenged by
the Baptist's forceful voice

To change our ways, to play our part,
so each of us can say,

"I'm ready for my Lord to come.

Yes! I'll prepare the way!"

"Prepare the way!" This is our part
as Advent days slip past,

to meet our God in human form,
the Love that's made to last.

Rise up! Be tested by the call!

Don't dither or delay!

For Christ will come! He's born for you!

So come! Prepare the way!