

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;

behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,

your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;

your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing. [Refrain]

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,

how welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly

all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.