

Prepare Us For Your Coming



Pre - pare us for your com - ing; we hum - bly seek your bless - ing,
So awed by your great mer - it, we kneel with con - trite spir - it:
With joy we shout your prais - es, e'en tho' your birth a - maz - es

Cre - a - tor of our race. Free us from mor - al blem - ish;
have mer - cy on us, Lord. Make pure our hearts' am - bi - tion;
our fi - nite heart and mind. We know and feel your pres - ence;

your light and pow - er cleanse us, most bless - ed Sa - vior, full of grace.
make sure our souls' sal - va - tion; most ho - ly and al - might - y God.
now cel - e - brate your en - trance in - to this world to save man - kind.

An Advent prayer asking the Savior to rightly prepare hearts for His entrance into waiting hearts and the world.

This text was written by Elizabeth Artis Wright Weber (b. 1921) in 1977. A prolific writer of devotional verses, Mrs. Weber is an active layperson in the Southern Province.

The tune DER MOND IST AUFGEANGEN is a 1790 composition by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800), a Danish composer of *Lieder*, operas, oratorios and instrumental music. Schulz's music, especially his Christmas anthem, *Thou Child Divine*, has long been used and treasured by Moravians.