

Open Wide Your Heavens!

1 O - pen wide your heav - ens! Let your name be known!
 2 In this Ad - vent sea - son, Lord, we wait and pray:
 3 Car - ried by our cul - ture, we seek more and more;
 4 Lord, you are the pot - ter; we are sim - ply clay.

So the world will know, Lord, we are not a - lone.
 Why do you seem hid - den? Are you far a - way?
 As we long to pros - per, we for - get the poor.
 Take the lives we of - fer; mold us more each day.

So the world will know, Lord, we are not a - lone.
 Though your faith - ful - ness is sure, we have of - ten sinned;
 As we yearn for earth - ly things, we for - get your name.
 In this ho - ly Ad - vent time, show us all a - new:

O - pen wide your heav - ens! Let us know you're near.
 Like the leaves we're fad - ing, car - ried by the wind.
 O - pen wide your heav - ens! Make us whole a - gain.
 You reach out and bless us, when we wait for you.

Tune: CRANHAM Irr.
 Gustav Holst, 1906

Keep Awake, Be Always Ready

Isa. 2:1-5; 60:1-3; 64:1-9; Matt. 24:36-44;
Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; 1 Thess. 3:9-13

Arthur G. Clyde, 1993

1 Keep a-wake, be al - ways rea - dy, God's time ap - proach-es
2 Rise and shine for One is com - ing whose love will quench all

sure and stea - dy, God's strength will keep your heart from blame.
na - ture's thirst - ing to be made whole for - ev - er more.

Clouds, the Spir - it's light con - ceal - ing, dis - perse, God's pur - est
On that day to end all weep - ing, death's swords trans - formed to

light re - veal - ing; cre - a - tion will its Sov-ereign name. Dry
tools of reap - ing, the God of might will mer - cy pour. In -

branch - es burst forth green, God's ad - vent signs are seen: Hal - le - lu - jah!
car - nate, God ap - pears em - brac - ing all our tears: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Christ's judg - ment won, God's will be done; God's new do - min - ion thus be - gun.
God's maj - es - ty e - ter - nal - ly re - vealed to set the cos - mos free.

This new text, written to reflect the readings for the first Sunday in Advent, is set to a traditional tune of the season by sixteenth-century Lutheran pastor Philipp Nicolai.

Tune: WACHET AUF 8.9.8.8.9.8.6.6.4.8.8.
Philipp Nicolai, 1599
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1731

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