

## Hymns and Songs – 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,**  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us for ever;  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thy all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Long ago, prophets knew**  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
Come to make all things new,  
Bear his people's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*When he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human:

Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid,  
Till the time expected,  
Nurtured and protected:

Journey ends: where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes,*  
*Jesus comes,*  
*We will make him welcome.*

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,**  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring  
us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,*  
*Fill this land with the Father's glory;*  
*Blaze, Spirit, blaze,*  
*Set our hearts on fire.*  
*Flow, river, flow,*  
*Flood the nations with grace and mercy;*  
*Send forth Your word,*  
*Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome  
presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your  
brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your  
story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.