

Refrain:

All **Lift up your voice with strength,**

O herald of good tidings.

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, □

the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

2 They shall see the glory of the Lord, □

the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weary hands, □

and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to the anxious, ‘Be strong, fear not,

your God is coming with judgement, □

coming with judgement to save you.’

5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, □

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart, □

and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, □

and streams in the desert;

8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, □

with everlasting joy upon their heads.

9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs, □

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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