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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

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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