

# CuthbertPraise! Hymn-of-the-Month Newsletter

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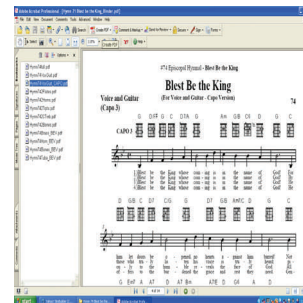
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## Greetings from Mexico—Advent Musings

That's Right, I'm spending a week in Mazatlan Mexico performing Tchaikovsky's Ballet Sleeping Beauty with an orchestra made up of musicians from all over Mexico and the US. Mazatlan is on the Pacific Coast of Mexico in the Tropic of Cancer, and it's absolutely beautiful! I'm amazed at the places God has taken me through music!

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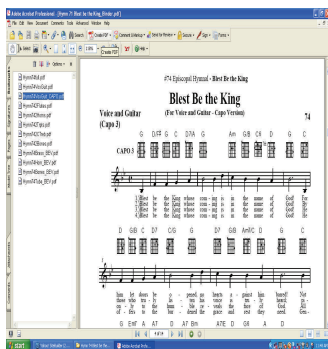


Hymn 74  
"Blest Be The King"  
This Month's Free Download

## Getting the Word Out!

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## This Issue's Free Hymn-of-the-Month: Hymn 74 "Blest Be The King"



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Well, here it is—our Advent offering to you. To open your hymn simply click on the "Attachments" tab on the lower left or the AcrobatReader screen. Double click on the file "Hymn74\_SCORE" and you're ready to go! This download of "Blest Be the King" is the complete arrangement including guitar, bass, timpani, brass ensemble (duet, trio, quartet, quintet, sextet or more!), and various woodwind and string instruments (such as flute, clarinet, oboe and violin). Please tell your friends about this free download! I'd like to give it to as many churches and Christian musicians as possible! Let's get more of our church members involved in making a joyful noise unto the LORD!

Questions or Comments? E-Mail us at [RandyAdams@CuthbertPraise.com](mailto:RandyAdams@CuthbertPraise.com)

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**Advent Hymns Ready for Download! (cont'd from Page One)**

...when you need them, and instantly they are stored on your hard drive so you can print parts for your music team! It's so quick and easy you can even do this during a rehearsal or Sunday service if you need a descant or a guitar part in a hurry. I hope you'll come by for a visit! Here are the Advent hymns you can download:

- 53 Once He Came in Blessing (Gottes Sohn ist Kommen)
- 54 Savior of the Nations (Nun kom der Heiden Heiland)
- 56 O Come Emmanuel (Veni, veni Emmanuel)
- 57 Lo He Comes (Helmsley)
- 58 Lo He Comes (St. Thomas)
- 59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice (Merton)
- 60 Creator of the Stars (Conditore alme siderum)
- 61 Sleepers Wake! (Wachet auf)
- 64 O Heavenly Word (O Heiland, reiss)
- 65 Prepare the Way (Bereden vag for Herran)
- 66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Stuttgart)
- 67 Comfort Ye My People (Psalm 42)
- 68 Rejoice Believers (Llangloffan)
- 69 What is the Crying (St. Mark's, Berkley)
- 70 Herald, Sound (Herald, Sound)
- 71 Hark! The Glad Sound (Bristol)
- 72 Hark! The Glad Sound (Richmond)
- 73 The King Shall Come (St. Stephen)
- 74 Blest Be the King (Valet will ich dir geben)
- 75 There's a Voice (Ascension)
- 76 On Jordan's Bank (Winchester New)

As with all the arrangements on CuthbertPraise, these hymns all come with descants and complete scores and parts for brass quintet, quartet and duet, woodwinds, guitar with fretboard charts, bass and timpani in PDF format.

Please help me get the word out, and thanks so much for your prayers and support!

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Greetings from Mexico – (cont'd from page1)

What a wonderful gift music is—and one we should at all times offer back with joy and thanksgiving to the Creator of all sound, harmony, rhythm and expression! Sometimes when I'm bogged down with the daily routine and the constant effort to keep things moving in a positive direction, I'm struck with a feeling of the total absurdity of what I do for a living. The music I play is here for a few seconds and then it vanishes "like a vapor," and all that is left is a faint memory and perhaps the glow—or gloom—of a lingering emotion brought on by a collection of vibrations thrown into the open air and gathered by eardrums that turn those vibrations into bioelectric impulses to be interpreted by the brain as sound, music and emotion. But at the end of the day there's no standing building to look at and admire, no one got a full stomach or a pair of shoes out of those sounds, so therefore how can this be a necessary part of human existence? What have I contributed to life or the Kingdom of God? The endless music lessons I teach at the university are given to students who are bound to feel the same way I do at some point in their careers. How will they respond to this feeling? And yet when I consider the fact that there even exists such a thing as music or art or drama or comedy, I can't help but admire the Great Creator of the human spirit who put these things in our hearts and minds to be created and appreciated and in turn offered back to Him. He rejoices in our creativity — our singing and dancing and story-telling — and this creativity refreshes the hearts of those we share it with, and it can help bring them into the presence of Almighty God. So God uses the absurd things, the small and fleeting things that are here but for a moment and then vanish out of sight and mind, to glorify Himself and to humble the mighty before His awesome presence. This is astonishing and hard for me to understand, but I thank God for His wisdom and his tender-loving care for all His little ones. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men.... God has **chosen** to use weak things and foolish things so that all flesh might be humbled in his presence and that we may glory in Him, and only Him." (1 Cor. 1:25-31, paraphrased). So rejoice in the absurdity and the smallness of your work in the Lord! You're called to this by God Himself, and He is glorified in it! How can we know what eternal work God may be doing with the little sounds we offer up to Him? "Rejoice evermore! Pray without ceasing! In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!" (1 Thes. 5:16-19).

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

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