

Hanging of the Greens - First Sunday in Advent 2022

PRELUDE

Evergreen and ever-fragrant

arr. P. Ritchie

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PREPARE THE WAY – ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord Prepare the Way, O Zion

M. Burkhardt BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: A voice cries out:

Many: Prepare for God's arrival!

One: Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our

God.

Many: Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.

One. Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.

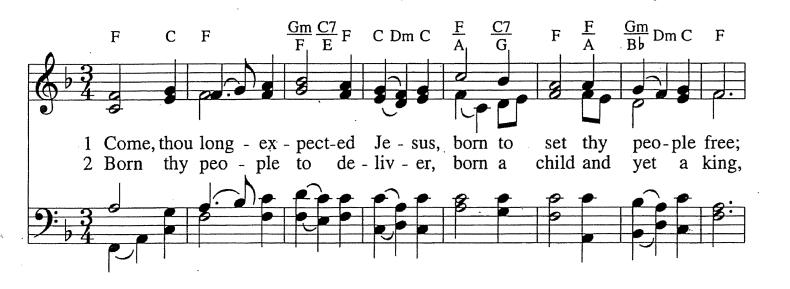
Many: Prepare the way of the Lord!

All: Let us worship together.

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL





WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887); arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus.

Fill the hearts of your faithful people.

Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Prepare us in every way to receive you as we prepare once more for your coming.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

ANTHEM

Come to Us, O Promised One

L. Larson

The Meaning of the Service

In this season of Advent, we prepare our sanctuary together and fill it with our songs and prayers - - and once again we prepare a place for Christ Jesus in our hearts.

The Greens

"The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the pine, the fir and the cypress Together, to adorn the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify the place of my feet." (Isaiah 60:13)

SOLO

Sans Day Carol

J. Rutter

Adrienne Sitko, soprano

The greenery is hung

The Flowers

"I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys." (Song of Songs 2:1)

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1)

CAROL

#190 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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The flowers are placed