



Hanging
OF THE
Greens

Hanging of the Greens - First Sunday in Advent 2023

PRELUDE

Evergreen and ever-fragrant

arr. P. Ritchie

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PREPARE THE WAY – ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

REJOICE, REJOICE

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

#152 Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

G Em C $\frac{G}{B}$ C D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dsus D G

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.

G Em C $\frac{G}{B}$ C D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dsus D G



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



G Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A7sus}{E}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A Bm7 $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{Em7}{G}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain

A Bm $\frac{G}{B}$ Em Dsus D $\frac{Bm}{D}$ Em $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ Em D7 G



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.



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***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, Come, Emmanuel

J. Raney

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

ES IST EIN ROS'

The flowers are placed

F B \flat F C Dm B \flat F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ Dm Csus C F

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

F B \flat F C Dm B \flat F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ Dm Csus C F

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where.

F Gm Am F G C $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore to us a
 True man yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

C D Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ Csus C F

win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 Sav - iör, when half - spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

WORDS: German, 16th c.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934);
 tr. vs. 3, Harriet Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925)

MUSIC: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

ES IST EIN ROS'
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The Tree

“And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” (Genesis 2:9)

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life... on each side of the river stood the tree of life.” (Revelation 22:1-2)

The Meaning of the Symbols

Presented by the children

CAROL (remain seated)

Evergreen and ever-fragrant

STUTT GART

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The tree is decorated by the children

Evergreen and ever-fragrant

Philip M. Young

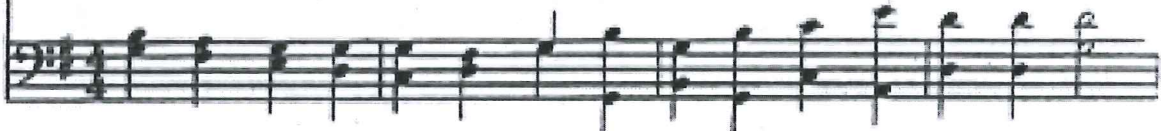
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STUTT GART

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1. Ev - er - green and ev - er - fra - grant sym - bol of e - ter - ni - ty,
2. Light of lights to all de - scend - ing, white of per - fect pur - i - ty,
3. Star and creche and her - ald an - gel tell of love and mys - ter - y,
4. Cross of sac - ri - fice and suff - ring, crown of life and vic - to - ry.



tell - ing of the Christ with - in us, stands the won - drous Chris - mon tree,
gold of maj - es - ty and glo - ry crown the ra - diant Chris - mon tree.
cel - e - brate the Christ a - mong us, wel - comed by the Chris - mon tree.
Je - sus Christ our Lord re - veal - ing, hon - ored through the Chris - mon tree.



The Gifts

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”
(John 3:16)

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or a sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in them? Dear children, let us not love with words and tongue, but in actions and truth.” (1 John 3:17-18)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. T. Shaw

***Offertory Response**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope.

We give in hope.

Hope for your coming reign;

Hope because of your presence with us even now.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them for your work of healing and hope in our world.

Amen.

The Crèche

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)

CAROL (Remain seated)

#205 Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

The crèche is placed

C7 F Gm C Dm F Bb Gm7 C7 Bb C
A Bb F G D E

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for -

F2 F Gm7 Bb C F
D

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

F Bb Gm7 C7 Gm Am Gm7 C F2 F F A Gm7 C7 F
F Bb G Bb E

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

WORDS: Anonymous, 1885; vs. 3 John Thomas McFarland (1851-1913)
MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick (1836-1921)

CRADLE SONG
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The Light

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it... the true light which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world... And the Word became flesh and lived among us.”
(John 1:1-5, 9, 14a)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CAROL

#178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

B. McGee

(sing with the choir before and after the lighting)

Unison

Chord symbols: C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, G, G/B, C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, F/G, G13, C, F/C, C

Lyrics: Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el, his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with us, re-vealed in us, his name is called Em-man-u - el.

LITANY

Let your Spirit burn in our hearts;
let your light shine in our world;
and as we wait through the Advent season
let your star of hope lead us to the place
where the Christ would be born today. Amen

The first Advent candle is lit

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*CAROL

#231 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

FESTAL SONG

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)

MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

FESTAL SONG

S.M.

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N.C. A D A D A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $D\#m7(\flat 5)$ E $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

Dedication of Our Symbols and Ourselves

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with righteousness from this time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will do this.”

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

We have prepared our sanctuary and our homes for the arrival of the Christ child. We prepare ourselves also for his coming as Lord of our lives, and for his promised return as the one who makes all things new. In a moment of silent prayer let us quiet our hearts in anticipation of this Advent season.

(Silence)

Now let us pray together...

Prayer (unison)

Lord Jesus, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, we have prepared our sanctuary and our homes for your coming. We dedicate these symbols of our faith to you. As individuals and as a people we prepare ourselves for your coming, so that you would again be Lord of our lives. As your light shines in our darkness, may the light of the Good News of Christ's coming shine in the dark corners of our world. We pray in the name of the one whose coming we await. Amen.

*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY

#163 All Earth is Hopeful

TAULÉ

Unison
D D F# G G/B A7

1 All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!
2 Peo-ple of Is-rael, you heard the proph-et tell:

D F#m G Em7 A A7

Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task: this, the
"A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el"; she con-

la - hor of pco - ple who strug - gle to see how
ccived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -

God's truth and jus - tice set ev - ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth. (4) ev - er sets us free.

- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear every gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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TAULÉ
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***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction - "Rejoice! Rejoice" VENI EMMANUEL**

***Sending of the Community**

And now may God - the Creator of light and life, trees and flowers, snow and rain -- friendship and celebration -- grant us peace. May this decorated place of worship proclaim the birth of our Lord and may our lives "put on display" the life of Christ and proclaim his coming to those around us. In the name of Jesus, the "arriving one." Amen.

***Congregational Amen**

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. J. Weber

***Please stand as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today!

Organist/Accompanist: Jerrold Eilander;

Readers: Rev. Jeremy Keay, Sandra Beckman, Rev. Ryan Sato, Twyla Fletcher;

Video and Sound Tech: Evan Adnams;

Decorating Sanctuary: Carolynne Ross, Ken Bellous

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Chrismons-Christ Monograms



CHI RHO-(Ky Ro) Chi Rho is the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. Look at how the letter X forms the shape of a manger to remind us of Christ's birth.



LAMB-The Lamb is the symbol of Jesus Christ. (John 1:29) "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." It also reminds us that Christ is the Good Shepherd.



SHEPHERD'S CROOK-The Shepherd's Crook or Staff reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for His people and we are invited to do the same. Shepherds were also the first people who were told about the birth of Jesus!



STAR-The eight pointed Armenian Star is also called the Bethlehem Star, showing us the way to Jesus, just as it did for the Magi.



CROSS AND CROWN-The cross is the symbol of salvation, the crown tells us that Christ is Lord. The faithful are promised the crown of life!



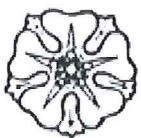
CROSS ON THE ORB-The Triumphant Cross shows the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus reigns over heaven and earth.



FISH- Followers of Christ used the symbol of a fish as a secret sign to know who their friends were. The initials (IXOYC), the Greek word for fish, represented Jesus Christ, God's Son, and the Savior.



SUN- Reminds us of the light and mercies of God. Malachi 4:2 says, "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings."



CHRISTMAS ROSE-The White Rose is a symbol for purity. Isaiah also prophesied that one day the desert would blossom as a rose.