

**Second Week of Advent – Hymns
December 4, 2022**

Gathering: Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen) (V1,V3,V5) ... G337

Verse 1

Come, O God of all the earth;
come to us, O Righteous One.
Come and bring our love to birth;
in the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you.
Raise your joyful cries,
Dance to the life around you.

Verse 3

Come, O God of flashing light;
twinkling star and burning sun.
God of day and God of night;
in your light we all are one.

Verse 5

Come, O Justice, come, O Peace;
come and shape our hearts anew.
Come and make oppression cease;
bring us all to life in you.

Advent Wreath Candle: Litany for Advent ... H/O

“Word of goodness, come Lord Jesus. Word of freedom, come Lord Jesus.
You we long for, come Lord Jesus. Fill our hearts now, come Lord Jesus.
Light of nations, come Lord Jesus. Light of justice, come Lord Jesus. Come!”

**Responsorial Psalm: “The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.”
(Haugen)
V1,V2,V4) ... G43**

Refrain

The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God

Vs. 1: Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful;
You love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation. **Refrain**

Vs. 2: See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them
from death and sustain them in time of famine. **Refrain**

Vs. 4: Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O
God, be on us who place our hope in you. **Refrain**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!
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*“Be the first one to love and forgive;
Conform your heart to the heart of Jesus.”*

Alleluia!

Preparation of Gifts: Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free (Balhoff, Daigle, Ducote) ... G74

Refrain
Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come and set us free.

Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.
Near to us now, God’s saving love for those who believe.
Refrain

Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice.
Refrain

Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace.
Refrain

Service Music: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB878

Communion1: Communion1: Ready the Way (Hurd) (V1,V2,V3) ... BB63

Ready The Way by Bob Hurd

Vs. 1. “Ready the way of the Lord,
Ready the way of the Lord.” A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Ready the way of the Lord.”

Vs. 2 Let every valley be filled,
Let every valley be filled. Let every mountain be humbled, Let every valley be filled. **Refrain**

Refrain.: Here is your God, coming with your vindication. Look and behold the saving power of God.

Vs. 3. Desert and waste land will bloom,
Desert and waste land will bloom. Glory and splendor will fill the land, Desert and waste land will bloom.

Vs. 4. Those who are blind will then see, Those who are deaf will then hear. Those who are lame will then leap for joy, Those who are mute will then sing. **Refrain**

Vs. 5. Strengthen the ones who are weak, Strengthen the ones who are weak. Say to the frightened: “Have courage.” Strengthen the ones who are weak. **Refrain**

Communion2: A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) ... BB46

A Voice Cries Out

Vs. 1 Console my people, the ones dear to me:
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
the time of your mourning is ended now,
the Lord of life will come. **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Make straight a highway for God!

Vs. 2 Ev'ry valley is made a plain,
ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed,
and the nations will sing in praise. **REFRAIN**

Vs 3 A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,
but the Word of the Lord is forever. **REFRAIN**

Vs 4. Zion, shout from the mountain top,

lift up your voice O Jerusalem,
and say to the people of God's own land,
"Behold, behold your God!" **REFRAIN**

Vs 5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd,
holding his lambs in his arms,
keeping his flock so close to his heart
leading them all, old and young. **REFRAIN**

Sending: Prepare, Prepare! (Pishner)

Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord.
Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord, oh,
Prepare, prepare, the way of the Lord.
The Lord our God is coming soon!

V1 Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,
Ready your hearts. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V2 Make straight the path, level the hills,
Lift up the gates. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V3 Justice and peace, kindness and truth,
Shall come to the earth. Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V4 Sing and rejoice! The Lord is near,
I say rejoice! Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

V5 The virgin will bear a son, Emmanuel,
God with us! Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!