

in honor of the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg upon her retirement, December 2023

Prepare the Royal Highway

for SATB voices and flute or piccolo and drum

Frans Mikael Franzén, 1722–1847
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Zebulon M. Highben (ASCAP)
incorporating BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

Joyfully (♩ = c. 66)

The musical score is written for SATB voices, flute/piccolo, and drum. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Joyfully' and a quarter note equal to approximately 66 beats per minute. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The flute/piccolo part starts with a melodic line marked *mf*. The drum part provides a steady accompaniment. The vocal parts enter at measure 4, with the Tenor and Bass parts marked *unis. mf*. The lyrics are: 'pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is'. At measure 7, the Soprano part begins with the lyrics 'Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a near!'. A rehearsal mark '11' is placed above the Soprano staff at measure 10. The score concludes with a final measure for all parts.

Parts for flute/piccolo and drum are available at www.augsburgfortress.org.

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lev - el road_ ap - pear! Then_ greet_ the King_ of

Then_ greet the King of

16

glo - ry, fore - told_ in sa - cred sto - ry: Ho -

glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

19

san - na to_ the_ Lord, for_ he ful - fills_ God's

san - na to_ the_ Lord, for_ he ful - fills_ God's

22

Flute

word!

word!

mf

mf

25

mf

Then_ fling_ the gates wide_

mf

Then_ fling_ the gates wide_

28

o - pen to_ greet your_ prom - ised_ king! Your_

o - pen to_ greet_ your prom - ised_ king, your king! Your_

31

king,_ yet ev - 'ry_ na - tion its_ trib - ute too_ may_

king,_ yet ev - 'ry_ na - tion its_ trib - ute too_ may_

34

unis. p sub.

bring. All_ lands_ will bow_ be - fore him; their_

p sub.

bring, may bring. Lands will bow be - fore him;

39

37 *f* *unis.*
 voic - es join your sing - ing: Ho - san - na to the
mp *f* *unis.*
 voic - es join your sing - ing: Ho - san - na to the

40 Flute *mf*
 Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!
 Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!
 Drum *mf*

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