# For Unto Us a Child is Born Stake Choir Concert December 2010

Bahr: Unto us a child is born. Phillip of Bethsaida once proclaimed of the ministering Christ: "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth". Have you found the Christ? (John 1:45) Isaiah proclaimed his coming:

Ladd: Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. UAdd a Note Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Bahr: The voice said,

Paxton: Cry.

Bahr: And he said,

Ladd: What shall I cry?

Paxton:O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! UAdd a Note (Isaiah 40: 3-9)

Song: Prepare the Way

Song: Bethlehem Processional

Ladd: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them,

Paxton: Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall* be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Ladd: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2: 8-14)

### Song: One December Bright and Clear

Ladd: Have you found him? Do you express his love for you in your deeds to others throughout the year?

Bahr: He has not forgotten us, he has not hidden his face from our sorrow. He knows us and loves us all. Have you found him?

Paxton: Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the



LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Bahr:

But Zion said,

Ladd: The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Paxton: Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands. ( Isaiah 49:13-16)

#### Song: For Unto Us A Child is Born

Paxton: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. (Zechariah 9: 9-10)

#### Song: Rejoice Greatly

Ladd: And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. 
And the angel said unto me:

Paxton: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw?

Ladd: And I answered him, saying: Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things. And he spake unto me, saying:

Paxton: Yea, and the most joyous to the soul.

Ladd: And after he had said these words, he said unto me:

Paxton: Look!

Ladd: And I looked, and I beheld the Son of God going forth among the children of men; and I saw many fall down at his feet and worship him. (1 Nephi 11: 20-24)

Song: This Christmastide
Song: Welcome Child of Light

Bahr: To Bethlehem they did go, the Shepherds three; to Bethlehem they do to see wh'et it be so or no, whether Christ were born or no to set men free. Ox and ass him know, kneeling on their knee, wondrous joy had I this little babe to see. This is Christ the Lord, Masters be ye glad! Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad!

Song: Masters in this Hall

Bahr: Have you found the Christ? The Wisemen found him



Ladd: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying,

Paxton: Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Ladd: ...and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Bahr: The gifts presented to Jesus were symbols of his royal destiny.

Ladd: Gold to celebrate the King of Kings

Paxton: Frankincense, incense used in ritual sacrifice at the Temple Mount, symbolizing Jesus priestly role as the Great High Priest.

Bahr: Myrrh, a pain killer and embalming ingredient foreshadowing his Atonement and death.

Ladd: When they looked for the first time upon the face of their Savior and King, what did they see?

Song: Some Children See Him

Paxton: Some people find him in the glorious sounds of the season, in music and in song.

Music: Sinfonia

Song: God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

Bahr: As is traditional, we invite you to join the choir in standing during the Hallelujah Chorus when it is sung. Following the Chorus, \_\_\_\_\_ will give our closing prayer.

Ladd: Since the beginning, the righteous have anticipated the birth of the Savior of the World. Isaiah Prophesied:

Paxton: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7: 14)

Ladd: Immanuel means God with Us; God with us, not merely ruling from Heaven above but here, with us. Small wonder Isaiah proclaims:

Paxton: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

## Song: And the Glory of the Lord

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