

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

