

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*St. Paul's & Bay Sound Singers Cantata*

Sun. December 17, 2023

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## WELCOME, CALL TO THE GATHERED AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

### OPENING CAROL: VU #60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2, 3)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, light of light, lo he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

### OPENING PRAYER:

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

### SUNG RESPONSE: "Light a Candle"

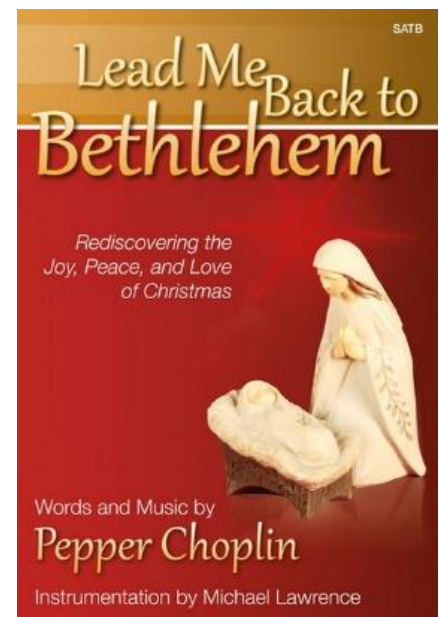


Light a candle for joy in the darkness.  
In each trial we know you are near.  
Advent watching and waiting for Jesus,  
God with us, is wiping our tears.  
Emmanuel, joy is here; joy is here!

### CANTATA:

### "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" by Pepper Cholin

Come Emmanuel!  
Fear Not, the Lord Is With You  
Lead Me Back to Bethlehem  
Come Down to Bethlehem  
Treasures of the Heart  
Frankincense, Myrrh, Gold  
You Are Lord  
Angels We Have Heard on High!



## **ST. PAUL'S CHOIR & BAY SOUND SINGERS:**

### **Women**

Donna Earl  
Eunice Whitehead  
Cyndi Rowntree  
Sharon Foster  
Sheila Payne  
Liz Rogers  
Gail Wilcox  
Debbie Just  
Elaine Nicholls  
Sharon Whiteside  
Mary Ellen Barber  
Marlis Dupuis  
Sharon Penrose  
Shayla Brown  
Penny Copeland  
Katrina Milley  
Janet Pedro  
Victoria Tovell  
Lois McQuirter

### **Men**

Charlie Carswell  
Ken MacDonald  
Keith Stam  
Roger Hulme  
Joe Attard  
David Burstyn  
Rick Gerritsen  
Michael Pedro  
Don Penrose  
Colin Whiteside  
Desmond Williams

### **Instrumentalists:**

Jolene Enns  
JoEllen Burstyn  
Veronica Duval  
Bill Sutherland

### **NARRATORS:**

Dan Donaldson & John McCullough

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING AND SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 55 (V. 4)**

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CLOSING CAROL: VU #73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"**

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name is Jesus.

**Refrain:** He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom. (x2)  
Oh, yes believer! Oh, yes believer! He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

2. The angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus. **Refrain:**

3. The shepherds came where the baby was born,  
the shepherds came where the baby was born,  
the shepherds came where the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus.

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE**

**A Note from Victoria:** I am grateful to all involved in making this morning happen: St Paul's Choir, Bay Sound Singers, our gifted Instrumentalists, our narrators and our technical team. Thank you so very much for giving of your time and talent to make this Sunday particularly special through your gift of music. My best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas and best for 2024.