

SING CHRISTMAS

A CHRISTMAS CHORAL
EXPERIENCE



DECEMBER 10, 2023, AT 10 A.M.
BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
23 PUBLIC SQUARE
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141

Sing Christmas

A Christmas Choral Experience

Composed and arranged by Mary McDonald and Joel Raney

I. Sing Joy! - Overture

"Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas!
Sing joy! Sing joy to the world!"

Joy of Longing Hearts

"Come, thou Savior of the world; come to us, we pray.
Cast our sin and enter in; come to us today."

II. Sing Noel!

"Sing we now of Christmas, noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we noel, the King is born, noel!"

Tell Out, My Soul

"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of your Word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice."

III. Sing Emmanuel! Christ Is Born

"The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced."

Emmanuel! God with Us!

"God will reign on earth forever and Christ's kingdom will never end.
Alleluia to our Savior, till he comes again!"

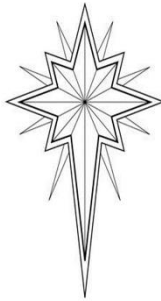
IV. Sing Gloria!

"All creation join in praising God, Creator, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Sing praises to the newborn Son."

Glory to the Newborn King

"Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King.'"

Sing Christmas! - Reprise



Funding for our 2023 Christmas cantata was provided by a generous anonymous donor and the Kathaleen R. Lube Music Fund.

**A reception will follow today's service,
downstairs in Pilgrim Hall.
Please join us!**

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Director, pianist -- Dave Debick



Narrators

Gayle Colbert
Jim Duffy

Soprano

Chris Babb
Diane Gressley
Rose Kaval
Anne Melfo
Evelyn Seager
Kathy Smith

Alto

Allison Colbert
Tina Ortiz
Jan Renovetz
Jenny Shankland
Bridget Sproul

Tenor

Armand Eusanio
Chris Hatala
Sue Maier
Mary Pat Murphy
Jill Zedan

Bass

Cliff Cribbs
David Pastor
Jeff Thompson
Jon Thompson

Instrumentalists

Erin Tomlinson, flute
Betsey Wilson, flute
Steve Ostrow, trumpet, trombone, violin
Dave Shackle, trumpet
Bob Chandler, percussion
Craig Ramsey, percussion

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Christmas cantata -- especially BUCC's choir and seasonal choir members. We began practicing for *Sing Christmas* in early October, and our singers have invested countless hours listening to vocal tracks and rehearsing together to make this morning's program possible. Kudos also to our fine instrumentalists and superb narrators.

As bitter war rages in parts of the world; as millions fight for fundamental human rights; as the wealthy grow wealthier and the poor and middle classes struggle to survive...we commemorate the birth of Jesus the Christ, who came to preach a New Way: of love, acceptance, justice, forgiveness, hope, peace, goodness, and compassion. May this holiday season witness the rebirth of these sacred values within us. Wishing you a truly meaningful Christmas and a happy, healthy, fulfilling New Year! Dave Debick