

A Hymn for the Third Sunday of Advent

The Advent Journey

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Suggested melody: *Stowey* (Praise God for the harvest)

Theme: Continuing to journey, and anticipating who we will find at Bethlehem

Will you come on a journey now Advent's arrived,
to prepare for the coming of God in your life;
to walk with His servants who travel this way,
and arrive at the stable on God's special day?

Will you travel with Mary who follows God's call
as she carries the Promise God's given us all
to Bethlehem Town, be it easy or hard,
to find rest at the stable expecting your Lord?

Will you join with the shepherds come down from the hills
in response to the angels, with joy to be filled;
with workmen to come on that glorious morn,
and to seek out the stable where Jesus is born?

Will you sing with the angels of Peace for the earth,
as their Good News rings out of Emmanuel's birth;
to join them rejoicing, our glory to see,
and to meet at the stable where Jesus will be?

Will you set out in faith with the sages of old
as a star gives them guidance as they had been told;
with Wise Men to share as your worship you bring,
and bow down in the stable with gifts for your King?

"Yes, I'll come on this journey! I'll travel with you,
for it's time to prepare for what my Lord will do.
It's time to get ready now Advent's come round,
and set out for the stable where God's Love is found."