



After scourging, Christ begins the journey to Golgotha to be crucified. He is joined by two criminals who are to share His fate.—Luke 23:32, 33.

From the cross, Christ asks forgiveness for the people and persecute Him. The soldiers gamble for His clothing.—Luke 23:34-38.

One criminal mocks Christ. The other rebukes him and asks Christ to remember him when He comes into His Kingdom.—Luke 23:39-42.

Jesus accepts the criminals' prayer for forgiveness and promises Him eternal life.—Luke 23:42, 43.

MEMORY VERSE:—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1:9.

THE CRUCIFIXION

Christ Speaks From The Cross

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Normally verbose John covered these same events with equanimity, a fact which never ceases to amaze students of the Bible. Even if we were to put all four Gospels together, we would still have only a meager outline of our Lord's dying hours.

Christ's actual journey to the Cross begins outside the barracks where Pilate had confined Him to be flogged. There, beatings and bleeding, Jesus descends the steps to assume the burden of the cross and the crucifixion some cross He is to carry to the place of His execution. Two other

ed, we gather that the crosses used were not very high and were first firmly planted in the ground. A block, or heavy pole was fastened to the beam, and on this the victim sat, after climbing up himself or being hoisted there by the executioners. The body, arms and legs were then fastened with ropes and the great nails, to which many ancient writers give particular emphasis, were driven through the hands and feet, and the ropes were removed.

As every Christian knows, Christ spoke only seven times during the hours of His suffering on the Cross. Of these, only Luke records the first words: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Even as the gardener prayed to the owner of the vineyard to give the fig tree a last chance, so Jesus in His wonderful self-righteousness, magnanimity and longing that His persecutors be given a chance to repent, he sought this last chance for them. Through the signs of the Pentecost and the ministry of the apostles and other believers, this period of grace was given to the world.

One would think that the malicious directed against Jesus would die with the finality of the Cross. But it was not so. The people and the rulers who watched, scoffed at Him, saying He had saved others, but could not save Himself. Little did they realize that, in using these very terms, they were fulfilling the prophecy of the 22nd Psalm: "He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver Him; let him deliver Him; seeing He delighted in Him. Even the soldiers mocked Him, not only in the words they spoke, but in their offering Him vinegar's a cheap sour wine provided for the soldiers' refreshment during their long wait.

Not even one of the dying criminals begins scoffing at Jesus. But the other mock him, asking if he doesn't fear God, and reminding him that they have been justly condemned to death for their criminal deeds, but Jesus has done no wrong. Then this repentant malefactor asks Jesus to remember him when He comes into His Kingdom. Here, in this single sentence, we find three basic truths, namely that there is a life after death; that Christ will come into His Kingdom, implying divine power and victory; and that mercy and a grace could be extended even to a sinner such as himself.

Jesus neither rejects nor reproves Him. He accepts the prayer of the penitent sinner, with a look full of grace and a tender mercy and in a voice loud enough for those who stood around to hear. He saves yet another sinner, saying, "Verily say unto thee, shall thou be with Me in paradise."

All dressed up for EASTER



THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and read your Bible daily.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Service, Time. Rows for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE READ THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS PAGE FOR TIMES OF SERVICES

We know a dour old philosopher who always has something nasty to say about what makes others happy. His latest diatribe is against folks "parading to Church in all their Easter finery."

But he won't get far with his complaints. For, strange as this might sound, the modern Easter "youth" has its root in the very meaning of the day.

Easter has always stood for newness of life. It marks Christ's victory over death. It promises an eternal destiny to those who embrace the Faith.

Easter puts old things away and brings out the new — as the Earth sends forth its verdure — as God reveals our Hope.

And if there is a glow of happiness in wearing that new dress or hat or suit... well, it's only a hint of the joy that comes with finding that New Life.

Britain's Future King Funds life difficult

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince Charles, Britain's future king, is finding it lonely and difficult to follow in his father's footsteps as a student at Gordonstoun, a former schoolmaster's paragon.

Patrick Pelham-Jones, writing in Redbook magazine, says Prince Philip, father of the 15-year-old, realizes the situation is a rude awakening to a young man as a commoner.

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confronting the extremists, expressing their loyalty to the crown and demanding their faith in the unity of Canada, should receive an little attention regarding economic and other changes in Quebec, Chevrier said that dissatisfaction with the French-Canadians.

The governments of the other provinces, almost without exception, would like to see changes in their fiscal relationships with the federal government.

Canadians were being forced to take their eyes off their domestic relationships to endorse federal and provincial government to work better together and to enable the "two communities to live together happily within the bosom of a single state."

Tracing the partnership of the main areas of Canadian history, Chevrier declared: "And anything in the contrary notwithstanding, that one spirit permeates our country today. The vast majority of our people approve and others from the province of Quebec, roundly regard both as inseparable."

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1769 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. E. Louis Ellis, L.B.T., R.C.T. Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (I.C.H.M.) A.R.C.M.

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Charlottetown Bible Chapel. 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Service 11 a.m. — 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church. Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, R.A., B.D., Minister.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. Monday, 7:30—Rev. Ross Howard. Tuesday, 7:30—Rev. W. D. Duggell, Organist and Choir Director.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH. 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. R. Tye, R.A., B.D., Minister. Organist and Director of Choirs: R. W. Duggell.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH. Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, R.A., B.D. Rev. Clayton C. Lewis.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH. (Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street). 9:30 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Sunday School Room.

Zion Presbyterian Church. Corner Prince and Grafton Streets. The Rev. Donald R. Campbell, R.A., Minister. Mrs. Madeline MacKinnon, L.M.S., R.M.S., Organist and Choir Director.

The Kirk of St. James. The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister. Christopher Giddell, R.A., B.M.S., Organist and Director of the Choirs.

St. Peter's Cathedral. Bechtold Square. Anglican Church of Canada. The Ven. Archdeacon J. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. The Reverend Canon E. M. Davies, M.A., R.C.T. Honorary Assistant Organist, Speaker: Mrs. Suzanne Bennett, L.M.S., Organist. Mrs. W. B. Patterson, Choir Director.

Central Christian Church. 219 Kent Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I. 10:00 a.m.—Bible School and family hour. 11:00 a.m.—Worship service with Holy Communion. Message: "THE FATAL HOUR."

Pope John Dreamed Of Unity At 15

ROME (AP) — The late Pope John XXIII, who called the Roman Catholic ecumenical council, had begun thinking about the possibility of Christian unity when he was only 15. By the time he was 21 he even dreamed of unity becoming a reality.

These and other memories were contained in a collection of spiritual writings by Pope John which were put on sale Wednesday.

The late pontiff's intimate thoughts were compiled into a book under the title "Il Giornale Dell' Anima — The Journal of the Soul."

The book was compiled by Msgr. Lorenzo Capovilla, who was Pope John's private secretary from his election as pontiff Oct. 25, 1963, to the death June 6, 1963.

Containing a series of writings that Pope John had collected during spiritual retreats from his seminary days through 1962, the volume starts when the then Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, a farmer's son, was 14.

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The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street. 55 Villa Avenue. Sunday Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Major Ronald H. Walker. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.

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