



In the parable of the virgins, Jesus is the bridegroom, the virgins, His followers, the marriage feast, the Kingdom of God. Those unprepared for His return will find the doors of the Kingdom closed.—Matthew 25:14-39.

Jesus defines the good and faithful servants who will inherit the Kingdom in the parable of the talents. Those who refuse to use their God-given talents for His service will be condemned.—Matthew 25:14-30.

When Christ returns, all living persons will stand before His judgment, the sheep at His right hand, the goats at His left. Blessed for their goodness, the sheep will inherit the Kingdom.—Matthew 25:31-46.

In words as scathing as those to the righteous were laudatory, Jesus denounces the goats' indifference and condemns them to everlasting punishment.—Matthew 25:41-46.

MEMORY VERSE:—"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man Cometh."—Matthew 24:11.

PREPARES DISCIPLES

Christ Speaks Of His Return

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By R. H. RAMSEY Today's lesson is but a part of our Lord's great discourse recorded in Matthew 24 and 25. Over and over again He speaks of His coming back to earth. To emphasize and illustrate the significance His return should have in the daily life of His disciples, Jesus relates four unforgettable parables, two of which are assigned to this lesson.

The first parable concerns ten virgins, all with lamps, awaiting the arrival of a bridegroom at a marriage feast. Five of the

virgins were wise and had plenty of oil for their lamps, the other five foolish, without extra oil. The bridegroom tarried somewhere, so the virgins slept. When the bridegroom finally arrived, the foolish virgins' lamps were out of oil, and when they asked the wise virgins for some of their supply, they were justifiably refused.

We are not to live a life of indolence and indifference, or to engage in any work or sinful habit that would make us ashamed to be called into the Lord's presence when He comes, for no man on earth knows the hour, day or year of Christ's return. In the next parable, Christ uses the word "talent" to indicate, without distinction, all sized persons in God's sight who all have talents, for anything that can be used to glorify God is indeed a talent.

Why has not God given the same number of talents to all His stewards? Because God is sovereign and loves to display His sovereignty. He gives the gifts unequally because He loves variety. He gives some men only a few talents because He has so many small spheres that He would have filled because more than a few would be too many for some, and because in those with the fewest talents He often displays the greatness of His grace in saving souls.

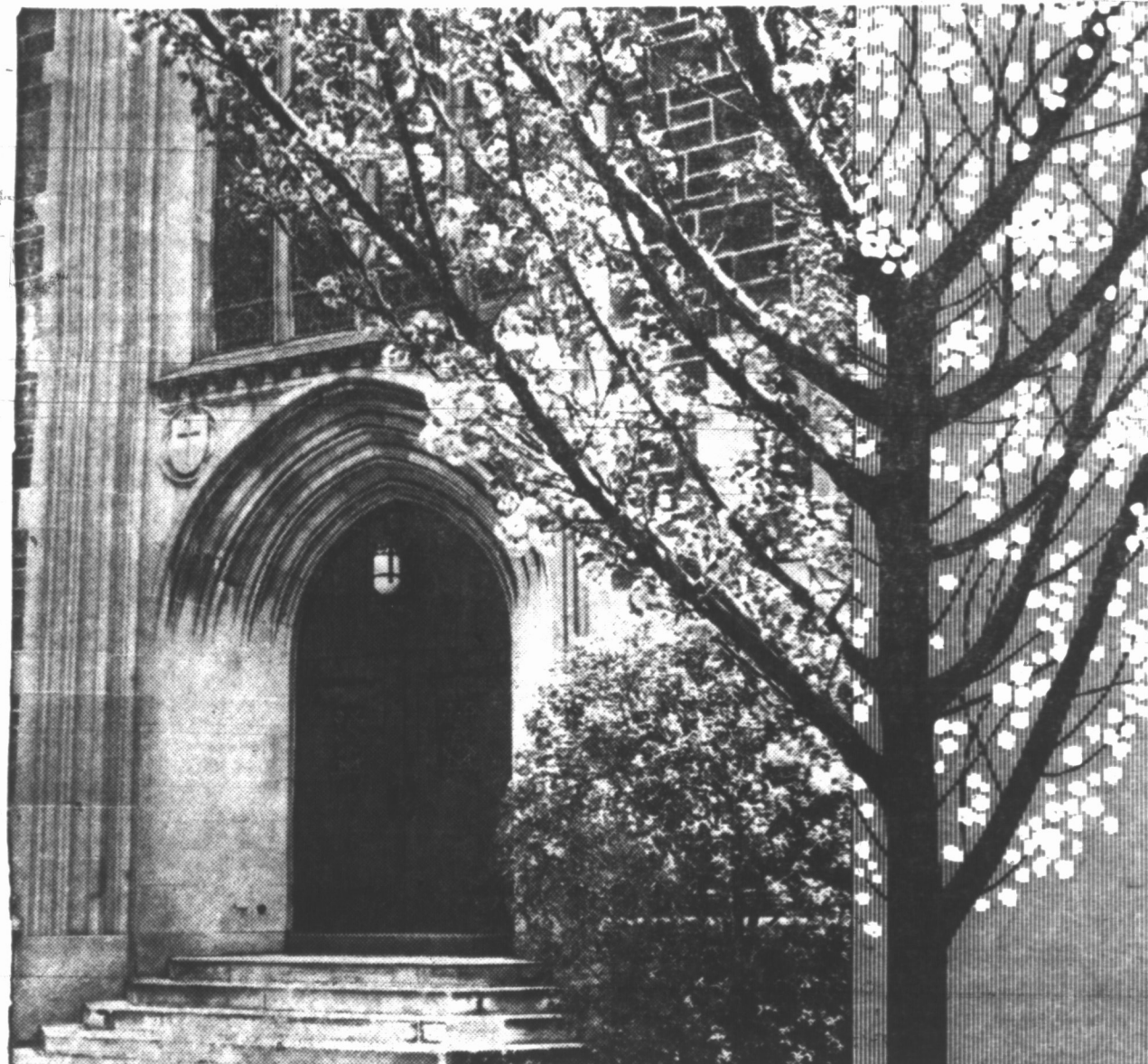
The foolish virgins went out to buy oil while the wise ones entered the marriage feast with the bridegroom, and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins returned and knocked on the door for admittance, it was denied them. Jesus concluded the parable with a warning to His disciples to be ever watchful for His return, for it could happen at any time.

Naturally, the bridegroom in the parable is Christ Himself;

Watching means to be ever ready for the Lord to return.

Upon the day of reckoning, the discerning eye of the master detects the devotion, enthusiasm and single-heartedness

Beyond the Blossoms



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 support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

When the buds burst into fragile flower, and their breath is everywhere, and a warming breeze caresses the cold, damp earth... this is more than Spring. This is the time of Promise.

For these same festive branches shall lift a precious burden of fruit when the red-gold mantle of harvest falls across the land.

When human souls awaken to the reveille of faith, and hymns and prayers fill the arches of heaven, and the warmth of an ageless hope reaches from heart to heart... this is more than Lent.

For the faith which blossoms today will bear its own precious fruit. Love! Joy! Peace! The harvest of souls like yours and mine is beginning anew to grow.

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Russian Bible Out Of Touch

The British and Foreign Bible Society has published the New Testament in modern Russian. The Russian Bible currently in use is out of touch with modern usage. This translation was begun during the Second World War, when it appeared that it might be possible to have large quantities of Russian Bibles sent into Russia or printed in Russia. Outstanding scholars living outside the USSR have worked for years to produce this New Testament in the language of modern Russian youths.

The Bible Society has huge stocks of Russian Bibles both in New York and in London waiting to be shipped to Russia if there is an opening. There is a shortage of Bibles in Russia and it is hoped that the day will come when large quantities of both the old translation and the new translation will be permitted to enter Russia and also to be printed in Russia.

Payments Made Equal

TURIN, Italy (AP)—By the end of the year, rich Roman Catholics in the Piedmont region will pay their priests no more than the poor will for wedding and funeral rites. Baptisms will be free for all, and no charge for weddings and funerals will be made for those who can't pay. In the past the priests have collected according to the wealth of the parishioner. Bishops of the region have decided that each will fix a "moderate contribution" for his diocese, gearing it to the general economic condition of the area. Other bishops in Italy—a country of 50,000,000 Roman Catholics—are expected to follow suit eventually.

Primate Issues Call To Boost Development

WINNIPEG Condensation and imperialistic overtones, particularly in the church's attitude, should have no place in the Western approach to the developing nations of Africa and Asia, says Most Rev. H. H. Clark, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Canada has a vast reservoir of goodwill in these countries, said Archbishop Clark in commenting on his recent trip that took him to Jordan, West Pakistan, India, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Japan. White superiority is dangerous and almost blasphemous in our relation to God, he said. The goodwill makes it all the more important that the Christian Church should support our government in its international relationships, in maintaining its national development and in its work for world peace.

The Primate said the government should be urged to increase its foreign aid program. He believes there is evidence that politicians are more ready to do this than the people they represent. If Christians in Canada have been cool toward foreign aid, they have been failing in their faith, he said. The Christian church in Asia is weak, and sometimes unready and colonial-minded. In saying this, however, I must not forget the magnificent examples which would seem to contradict the statement. On his tour, Archbishop Clark saw at first hand several of the emergency projects which the Canadian church is supporting through its Anglican World Mission Fund to which \$850,000 was subscribed in 1964. The aid was gratefully appreciated, he said, but on all sides he found a will to reciprocate commensurate with the peoples' ability. Canadians have to learn that "mutual aid" for the Church is a two-way street.

He said the Christian Church, and the Anglican Church of Canada in particular, must not be interested in church activities only, but rather in all the efforts of the young nations to develop a good life for their peoples. This means we must continue to be interested in educational and medical services despite the danger of exhausting our resources in the upkeep of the necessary institutions. It means also concern for agriculture, technical training and industrial projects to be expressed in co-operative action with the Christian church already there.

The Primate said that Africa and Asia are religious in a sense not evident in Europe and America. In Asia, especially, the great religions of the world meet and there he was received with respect and great courtesy by Hindu, Sikh and Muslim leaders. The task of the Christian church in such a situation is to meet the other world religions in creative encounter, seeking to understand. Archbishop Clark said it must always show full respect without giving up its conviction of the absolute decisiveness of the Christian revelation.

"When, in Asia, the young intellectual finds himself unable to accept the religion of his fathers, he does not have that sense of release that sometimes our young people seem to experience. This means that the church in its work in Asia finds a country friendly to religion." The Primate said that as he travelled about the need for

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" 55 Villa Avenue, Major Ronald H. Walker. Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m., Sunday School—10 a.m., Holiness Meeting—11 a.m., Salvation Meeting—7 p.m., Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH Dunkirk & Kirkwood Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman 9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery 11:00 a.m.—"IMMORTALITY" Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Loving Hearts" —Baker Guest Organist: Mrs. Joseph B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. 7:00 p.m.—Adult Study Group—"God And His Purpose" "You are Welcome to Worship with Us"

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour and Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service "Holding fast the faithful Word"

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess Mrs. Harvey Mackinnon, L.M.S., B.M.S. Organist and Choir Director. 9:45 a.m.—The Church School, Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m. Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: THE DIMENSIONS OF THE CROSS Anthem: Brother James Air—G. Jacob 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: THE WAY AND THE POWER Anthem: Selected VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I. MORNING 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Communion Message: "AND THEY BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSES" Anthem: "O God of Youth" (arr. Gerhard, Schroth) "Where the Bible Speaks" heard over CKY at 3 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Kenneth Norrie EVENING 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service Sermon Topic: "WHEN SHALL I BAPTIZE MY BABY" (God's word will answer the question) Minister—Mr. William Weale Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. "WE APPRECIATE VISITORS"

First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwall, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "THE CROSS AT THE CENTER" Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Mozart) Duets: Mrs. Douglas MacKenney Mrs. Douglas Cameron 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE SOLDIER AT THE CROSS" Anthem: "Brother James Air" (Jacobs) 7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Mid-week Service A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor L. PERRY, Assistant Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, FILM: DEATH OF MOSES 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Preaching: "WHAT SAITH THE SKEPTICS" 8:00 p.m.—Tuesday, Bible Study and Prayer "The Holy Spirit In The Church" ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Kirk of S. James The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Chorus Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. The Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Churcheime Nursery and Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE AND SERMON By: The Reverend Gordon R. Taylor, M.A. Anthem: Love of the Father (Bancroft) "LIFT UP YOUR EYES, FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. B. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Biscott, Organist and Director of Chorus 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: GOD UNAVOIDABLE Anthem: "God So Loved The World"—Stainer 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 1:30 p.m.—Teen-age Confirmation Class 3:00 p.m.—Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP Sermon: IT BEGAN ONE NIGHT Soloist: Mary Lou Gamble Intermediate Girls' Choir You are welcome to worship with us

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman 9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten (under 9) 11:00 a.m.—"THE SECRET OF OVERCOMING" (Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas) Anthem: "Father, We Praise Thee" Eric Thuman 2:45 p.m.—Junior Communicants' Class 7:00 p.m.—"FROM THE CROSS" (Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas) Anthem: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" C. H. H. Parry 8:00 p.m.—Discussion Group—"God And His Purpose"

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1789 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. LENT 4 9:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Junior, Senior, and Bible Classes. 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Primary, Beginners Classes, and Crib Nursery. 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER & Sermon Subject: QUESTIONABLE POLITICIANS IN THE LIGHT OF "FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND" Anthem: "God So Loved The World" by John Stainer 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON—Subject: THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHRIST—"YOU AND THE LORD'S PERCEIVED HANDS" YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Bratton, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director March 28—The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matsins 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon LENTEN WEEKDAY SERVICES Holy Eucharist and Matsins: Tuesday 7:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m.; Thursday 7:30 a.m.; Friday 7 a.m. Children's Service Tuesday 4 p.m. Evensong and Penitential Service Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evensong and Litany Friday 7:30 p.m. Visitors Are Most Welcome At All Services.