

The Trial of Jesus ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Matthew 26:1-27:26.

By Alfred J. Buescher



Before the Passover, Judas conspires with the high priests to betray Jesus. At the feast Jesus predicts His betrayal and Peter's denials, then institutes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.—Matthew 26:1-35.

After the meal Christ and the disciples go to the Garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus returns from His prayers He is betrayed by Judas, arrested, and deserted by His disciples.—Matthew 26:35-56.

Outside the palace where Jesus is standing trial, Peter denies Christ three times. Christ is condemned and Judas hearing this, returns the blood money and hangs himself.—Matthew 26:57-27:10.

When Jesus is brought before him for sentencing Pilate seeks a way to free Him. But, trapped by the conspiracy, he is forced to condemn Jesus.—Matthew 27:11-26.

MEMORY VERSE:—"Pilate saith unto them, what shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified."—Matthew 27:22.

JESUS FORSAKEN

Authorities Are Unjust

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By R.H. RAMSEY
It is generally agreed that the opening paragraphs of Matthew 26 are not in exact chronological order. What took place in verses 6-13 occurred on the Saturday before the Triumphal Entry, whereas the event described in the opening verses took place the following Tuesday. In any event, the hour has come when the Son of God is to

die for the sins of the world. He is to die by the hands of His own brethren, the people of Israel who professed to believe Scriptures which foretold the coming and death of their Messiah. These were not just any people, they were the religious authorities of Israel, including their highest ruling body, the Sanhedrin. Their plans to avoid putting Jesus to death during the Passover feast were thwarted by an unexpected incident—the offer of Judas to betray the Lord.

Despite the fact that Judas was a thief with a great, besetting love for money, Judas had named him treasurer of the apostolic company. Besides being dominated by this passion for money, Judas had lived for

three years as a hypocrite. Small wonder that Judas was fair game for the whisperings of Satan which led him to approach the chief priest and offer to sell the Lord for 30 pieces of silver—the going price for a slave.

Because the verses dealing with the Last Supper (vv 17-30) have been so often assigned to these lessons, we are going to deal with them briefly. The words of our Lord at the table regarding the meaning of His broken body and shed blood are easily the most important and profound words spoken that night. Nevertheless, we must not forget that our Lord actually gave more attention to the dual tragedy of His imminent betrayal by Judas and the de-

struction of Simon Peter than to all other subjects. He discussed that night.

Our Lord's prophecy regarding the denial of Peter is minute in its detail; Peter will deny Him thrice—not only deny His Lord, but also deny he even knows Him; and, after the third denial, a fowl will crow at an unusual and unnatural hour. Yet, Peter did not fall at the Lord's feet and plead with Him about this. Instead, he boasted of his own spirit and courage.

At a time when the Lord should be preoccupied with His own suffering and death, He takes time to talk quietly with Peter, giving him the encouraging words which were about all that was left to him in the following 24-hour period.

All the disciples (except Judas) went with Jesus to the outer part of the Garden of Gethsemane. There all but James, Peter and John sat down to wait. These three accompanied Christ further, but then He separated himself from them to

go even deeper into the garden and pour out His soul to the Father. On His knees, Jesus asked that God's will be carried out absolutely, and, if possible, in this carrying out God's will that the cup of sorrow should pass from Him.

Here the soldiers led by Judas found him, and Judas pointed out the Lord with a kiss, the tenderest token of human affection. Jesus refused to be rescued from the soldiers by force; he balked the onlookers, and the disciples frightened fled, thus fulfilling the prediction of verse 31.

There were actually six trials of the Lord Jesus between the time of His arrest and Pontius Pilate's final verdict that He be crucified. The first was before Annas and is recorded only in John 18. Following this there were two trials before Caiaphas the Sanhedrin, which condemned Him to death.

Because the Jews were under Roman rule, they did not have the right to carry out the death penalty. They could condemn a man to death, but the actual sentence had to be ordered by a Roman officer. Thus, the Jews brought Christ to Pontius Pilate.

After questioning Christ, Pilate was convinced of His innocence, but found his hands tied to a way to free Him. On a technicality, Pilate sent Jesus to Herod for trial, but that wily king refused to fall into the trap and returned Christ to Pilate.

Under Roman law, which was famous for its justice, Pilate has but one course: he must declare Jesus innocent (which he does), set Him free, and dare the Jews to lay their hands upon Him. But Pilate was weak and cowardly; his position in the Roman hierarchy was none too secure, and, politically, he could not afford revolt among the highly-placed Jews. Well aware of this, the high priest had maneuvered Pilate into a situation where he had no other choice but to condemn the Sanhedrin's actions and condemn Jesus to death.

Yet Pilate grasped at one final straw in his attempt to free Jesus. It was customary for one prisoner, chosen by the people, to be freed during the Passover. Pilate offered the mob gathered about his gate a choice between Barabbas and Jesus. But the Sanhedrin had thwarted even this last chance, planting barbed persons in the mob to cry out for Barabbas' release and Christ's crucifixion.

Washing his hands in a basin—a futile symbolism of innocence in what was to follow—Pilate ordered the release of Barabbas and delivered Jesus to be scourged and crucified.

Poverty Problem Of Modern Times

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN
World poverty, complicated by the unprecedented population expansion of this century, is a central problem of our times. The subject, with all its ramifications, is so vast that no one can expect to do justice to it.

There is a paradox in the Christian teaching on poverty. The Holy Gospels teach us to respect poverty but they also oblige us to help the poor in their misery.

PUT TO SHAME
Our Lord called the poor "blessed." He asked His followers to sell what they had and follow Him, advice that was followed literally by the first Christians.

Our Lord could say that He had not whereon to lay His head and He was buried in another man's tomb. St. Paul described the followers of Christ as the poor and the powerless.

"Consider your own call, brethren; that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. But the foolish things of the world has God chosen to put to shame the wise, and the weak things of the world has God chosen to put to shame the strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, has God chosen, and the things that are not, to bring to naught."

the things that are; lest any flesh that pride itself before Him" (1 Cor. 1, 26-29).
The Church has been interested in the poor primarily because it sees every person as a child of God. While the world honors power, wealth and achievement, the follower of Christ insists upon the moral worth of those who are neglected and even despised.

LOVE OF GOD
He does not use worldly standards in judging personal excellence. A St. Francis could cast aside his clothes as a symbol of complete freedom from worldly attachment.

Pearson Urged To Call For End In Viet Nam War

OTTAWA (CP)—Claude Jodan, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, has urged Prime Minister Pearson to call for a cease-fire in Viet Nam as a first step toward negotiations.

In a letter to Mr. Pearson, Mr. Jodan said it is clear military means alone will neither defeat the Viet Cong guerrillas nor attract their political masters in the north to the conference table.

Small Bakery Is Exclusive

CALGARY (CP)—Calgary's smallest bakery is also its most exclusive, and its products aren't for sale to the public.

Cloistered nuns of the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus bake all the altar breads for Roman Catholics in the diocese.

Working in two tiny, spotless rooms in the southeast section of the city, four nuns meet orders for a total of 1,500,000 pieces of altar bread a year.

Mother Mary Francis de Sales, monastery superior, says the altar breads are unleavened "because that is the kind used at the Last Supper." Hundreds of years ago the bread was shaped like small buns but now it is in wafer shape. Altar breads used by the laity are about one inch in diameter, those used by the priest during mass three inches across.

Fireball May Have Been U.S. Satellite

VICTORIA (CP)—A spokesman for the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory near here said a fireball that lit the skies of parts of B.C. Wednesday night may have been a United States space satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

The spokesman said the Smithsonian Institute at Cambridge, Mass., had advised the observatory that a U.S. satellite was expected to drop from its orbit "within a day or so."

"The reports sound like similar reports received when other satellites have come down," the official said.

He said he understood the satellite was known as "48-A" and had been launched last year from the U.S. Air Force base at Vandenberg, Calif.

GE Proposes More Shares

NEW YORK (AP)—General Electric Co. has proposed to create up to 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock of \$1 par value.

A proxy statement said stockholders will be asked to approve the proposal at the annual meeting April 28.

The company said the proposed preferred could be issued by directors for the "purpose of desirable properties or securities and the sale of shares for cash in circumstances where the board of directors deems such action to be in the best interests of the shareholders."

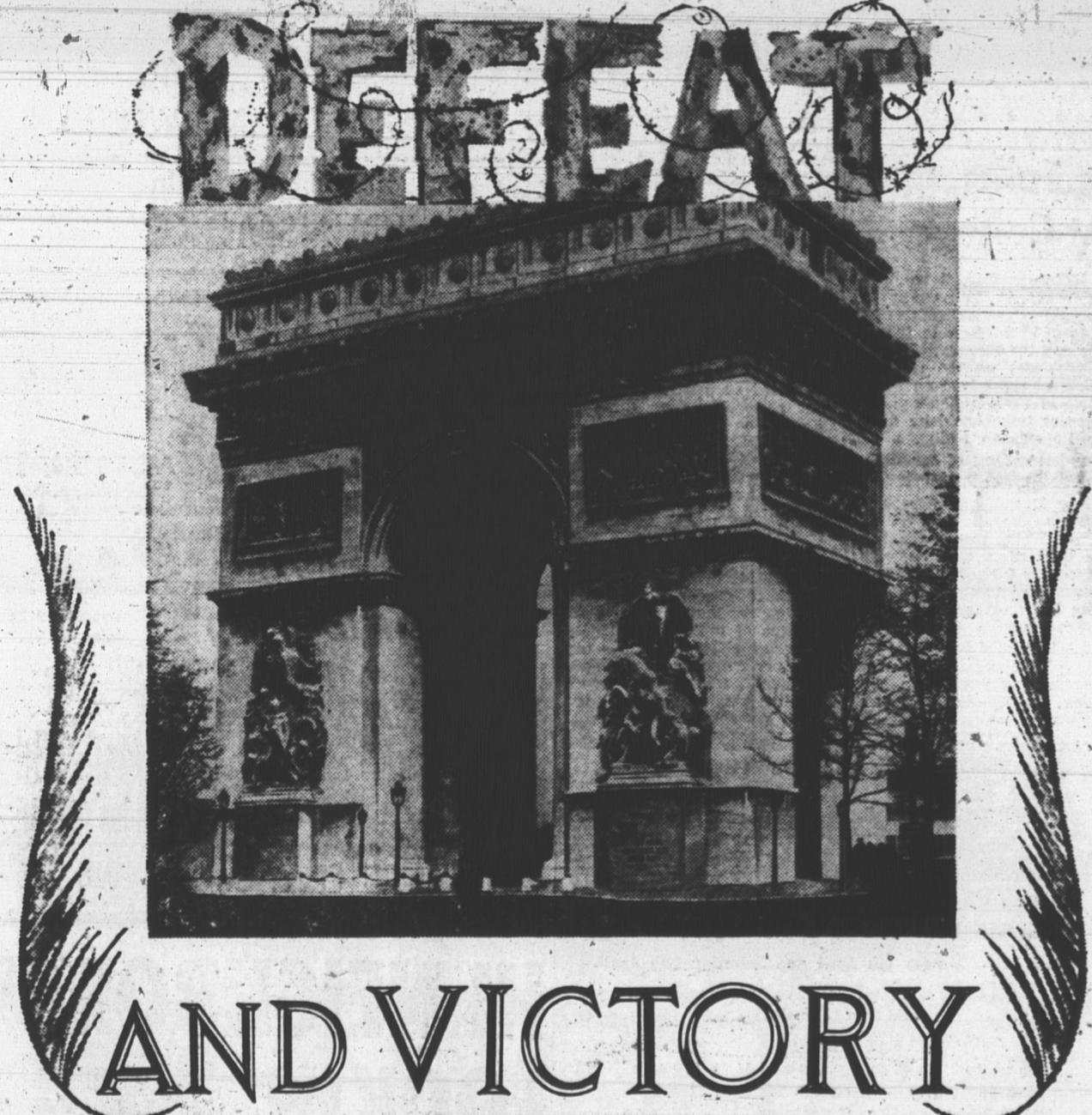
CIL Issues Additional Common Shares

MONTREAL (CP)—An issue of additional common shares of Canadian Industries Ltd., in order to provide nearly \$21,000,000 for expansion, has been authorized by the board of directors, the company said Friday.

The rights will be issued on the basis of one new share for eight currently held, and will be available for subscription to common shareholders of record at close of business April 3, at a price of \$20 per share, the report said.

Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. of Britain, the parent company, will not take up all its rights, thereby effectively reducing its investment in CIL to slightly less than 75 per cent. It is expected this will enable CIL to qualify in 1966 as a corporation "with a degree of Canadian ownership" under Section 139A (1) of the Income Tax Act, the report added.

CARRY YOUR CARD
Diabetics should always carry easily found identification and instructions for bystanders in case of a diabetic coma.



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.

One hundred sixty-two feet high and one hundred forty-seven feet wide Napoleon built his arch of triumph. Proudly it rises above the Place de l'Etoile reminding the world of an Emperor's early victories—and later defeats.

On the road from Bethpage to Jerusalem centuries before there had been another arch of triumph. Nature had fashioned it of palm trees. Beneath their bowing branches the Prince of Peace rode into the city that was to crucify Him.

Jesus, unlike Napoleon, never had need of a gigantic monument to help the world remember Him. The doors of a million churches bespeak His victory. Men pass through them not to gaze upon the majesty of carved stone, but to worship and serve the Son of God.

Napoleon bought for himself a transient glory at the price of other men's blood.
Jesus bought for All Men eternal life—at the price of His Own Blood!

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Sunday Matthew 21:1-4	Monday Matthew 25:31-46	Tuesday Matthew 21:33-46	Wednesday Matthew 26:17-30	Thursday Matthew 26:36-46	Friday Matthew 27:27-44	Saturday Matthew 27:45-54
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Colporteurs Get Good Results

Bible Society colporteur Elie, of Lebanon, reports, "One day I walked towards a young man and showed him the Bible. 'No,' said he, 'I don't have any money.'"

"After thinking a little while he said: 'I have this pocket of cigarettes. Let us go, sell it and then buy some of these good books!' So he went to a nearby shop and I followed him. He was able to sell his cigarettes. His came out with a radiant face, handed me the money and took some of the Old Testament Portions as well as the four Gospels. 'As I went on my way I was praising God in times like these that there is still a thirst towards the Word of Life.'"

In Uruguay our reporter notes that "some colporteurs have started a systematic visiting of banks, public offices and stores with astonishing results. One sold in five months about 2,700 whole Bibles. They can all tell about a new and increasing demand for Bibles."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, April 4: Mark 7: 24-37.
Monday, April 5: Mark 8: 1-21.
Tuesday, April 6: Mark 8: 22-38.
Wednesday, April 7: Mark 9: 1-29.
Thursday, April 8: Mark 9: 30-50.
Friday, April 9: Mark 10: 1-27.
Saturday, April 10: Mark 10: 28-52.

VISIT SINGAPORE
SINGAPORE (Reuters)—A Canadian defence college team, led by Air Commodore H. C. Ledoux, arrived here by air Wednesday from Kuala Lumpur for a three-day visit. Ledoux told reporters the team was not a military mission. It simply wanted a comprehensive picture of conditions in other parts of the world.

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"
—Great George Street
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.—"THE FAMILY IN CHRISTIANITY"
Choir: "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"
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.Mus. 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
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: BOUGHT WITH A PRICE
Anthem: Bread of the World—L. Bourgois.
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: GOD AND THE CRISES OF LIFE
Solo—Legend—Tschalkovsky
Miss Vicky Robertson
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

First Baptist Church
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., S.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—MISSIONARY SERVICE — Rev. Charles Harvey, on furlough from Angola, Africa.
Anthem: "O Saviour of the World" (Stainer)
7:00 p.m.—Sermon—"PILATE AT THE CROSS"
Anthem: "Like As The Hart" (Novello)
6:15 p.m.—Monday-Missionary Rally — P.E.I. BAPTIST MEN—Rev. Charles Harvey—Speaker.
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Mid-Week Service
A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Central Christian Church
250 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I.
MORNING
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
Sermon: "THE GOLDEN RULE"
Anthem: "O Saviour of the World" (Goss)
Where the Bible Speaks heard over CFCY at 3 o'clock
Mr. Kenneth Norris speaker
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Sermon: "THE GOOD THINGS"
Solo: Mr. Donald Stevenson
Minister—Mr. William Wells
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
"WE APPRECIATE VISITORS"

CALVARY TEMPLE
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. E. Bean, Pastor
L. Perry, Assistant Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, MISSIONARY RALLY DAY
11:00 a.m.—COMMUNION SERVICE
7:30 p.m.—MISSIONARY RALLY: Special Singing
L. Perry, preaching.
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Kirk of S. James
The Reverend T. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.S., Minister
Organist and Director of the Choirs
Christopher Geddis, M.A., S.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.
Pastor: Sunday
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—The Holy Communion
Anthem: The Passion Choral
(arranged by Bach)
"He suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps."

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. B. Tye, B.A., S.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Elliott, Organist and Director of Choirs
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: AS MANY AS RECEIVE HIM
Anthem: "Earth Rejoices"—Mozart (Kirch)
(Intermediate Girls Choir)
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: "CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE RESPECTED"
Solo: "Were You There"
Mr. Albert Carter
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. Wyras, 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 6)
11:00 a.m.—"PEOPLE IN THE PASSION"
(Rev. John G. E. Ball)
Anthem: "Seek Ye The Lord" (Varley Roberts)
2:00 p.m.—Communicants' Classes
3:45 p.m.—Junior Communicants' Classes
7:00 p.m.—"DEDICATION TO MISSION CEREMONY"
All C. E. Groups attending in a body.
Sermon: CHRISTIAN AMBASSADORS
(Rev. Gerald G. Wyras)
Anthem: "To The Lord Our God" (J. B. Galkin)
8:00 p.m.—Discussion Group—"God And His Purpose"

St. Paul's Anglican Church
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PASSION SUNDAY
8:30 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.—HOLY COMMUNION
Anthem: "O Lord, My God" by S. S. Wesley
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon
Subject: THE PASSION, DRAMA AND ITS CHARACTERS—"DICE, SEAMLESS ROBE, AND FOUR GAMBLERS."
WEDNESDAY SERVICES
7:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION (For working people)
10:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
7:30 p.m.—SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICE & Address
Subject: THE UNCOMFORTABLE CRIST— "THE TRAGEDY OF CHRISTIAN DISUNITY"
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES

St. Peter's Cathedral
stedford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
The Ven. Archdeacon J. E. Davies, M.A., Rector
The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D., Honorary Assistant Priest
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Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director
April 4—The Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matsins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 infants)
11:00 a.m.—Litaney and Choral Eucharist: Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
WEEKDAY SERVICES
Holy Eucharist and Matsins: Tuesday 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.m.; Thursday 7:30 a.m.; Friday 7 p.m.
Children's Service: Tuesday 4 p.m.
Evensong and Devotions: Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 p.m.
Visitors Are Most Welcome At All Services.