

The Birth of Jesus Christ

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

—Scripture—Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-20.

By Alfred J. Buescher



An angel appears to Joseph reassuring him about Mary, and predicts the birth of a son, Jesus, who shall save His people.—Matthew 1:18-25.



When Jesus was born, the angels announced it with great joy to the shepherds who hastened to Bethlehem to do homage.—Luke 2:1-18.



The genealogy of Christ, related by both Matthew and Luke, establishes Jesus as the son of David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1-17.



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MEMORY VERSE:—"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins."—Matthew 1:21.

DIVINE CONCEPTION

Joseph's Fears Allayed By Angel

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By R.H. RAMSEY

In the four gospel records of our Lord's life on earth, there are only two accounts of His birth, each supplementing the other.

Matthew's account begins with a 41-generation genealogy which establishes Jesus Christ as One who has descended from David, the founder of the royal line, and from Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew nation. The genealogy begins with Abraham because Matthew was written by a Jew for the Jewish people, and the present Christ as the King of the Jews.

Joseph's Fears Allayed By Angel

Anything prior to Abraham would have no particular reference to the Jewish people as such, for their history begins with the call of the first of the patriarchs.

In Luke's gospel we have an extended account of the angelic Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, which is not referred to by Matthew. Instead he records an event considerably subsequent to the Annunciation and the conception of Mary.

As any normal woman, Mary finally showed indisputable evidence of pregnancy and Joseph, apparently uninformed regarding the divine conception, had concluded that she should be put away privately. The Jewish law for adultery was death by stoning, and Joseph could not bring himself to consent to this. Wisely, he decided to "sleep on it" so as not to arrive at a hasty decision.

Most Precious Gift to Africa

The most precious gift which came to Africa from outside was the Bible, said the Rev. Alan Madoka, Chaplain General of the Kenya Army. He was speaking at a great open air rally attended by 6,000 people of all denominations during the Kenya Day celebrations.

Dr. Madoka emphasized the central place of the Bible in the life of the individual and the nation, especially of a new nation like the Kenya.

The Government was determined to increase the size and efficiency of the Army, and the ultimate trust of Christians, both military and civilian, was in the power of the living God whom the Bible speaks, said Mr. Madoka.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 20: Matthew 1: 18-25

Monday, Dec. 21: Luke 1: 5-25

Tuesday, Dec. 22: Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Luke 1: 39-56

Thursday, Dec. 24: Luke 2: 1-20

Friday, Dec. 25: Matthew 1: 12

Saturday, Dec. 26: Luke 2: 21-28



IN THE WAKE OF A SONG

Candle in the night... the old story made new again... the love for the Christ Child, poignant, deep... the mantle of past Christmas remembered.

In the wake of a song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," all this comes to mind. And an end to Christmas with the trappings of holly and mistletoe, the flash of bright and ribbons, the splendor of the tree on the tree.

Yet, north of the Equator, Christmas comes in mid-summer. There is no holly, no mistletoe, and there's not apt to be a tree. But it is Christmas just the same.

This is not merely a season, this time of the birth of Christ. It is much, much more. To understand it fully... to see it in its entirety... turn to the Church.

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Sunday Isaiah 11:1-5	Monday Jeremiah 23:3-8	Tuesday Micah 6:1-4	Wednesday Isaiah 1:67-80	Thursday Luke 2:8-20	Friday Romans 16:7-13	Saturday Colossians 1:9-20
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close at 8 p.m. ... everything is closed from Saturday to Monday morning ... there is much less divorce ... morals are higher than they are ... there isn't as much to tempt our children."

Their numbers are small—20,000 in the Los Angeles area—and there are seven Molokan churches in Los Angeles. The smallest has only 20 families.

DECRIES FLAG

EDMONTON (CP)—The Canadian Constitutional Society, an Edmonton-based group, said Friday it has launched a country-wide campaign to have the Red Ensign draped in black and flown at half staff as a protest of Parliament's move to replace it with a maple leaf flag.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Dunkirk & Kirkwood

Rev. Clayton C. Lewis, Minister
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Arkhous
Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman

9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery
11:00 a.m.—"EMMANUEL—God With Us!"
Dr. Chouh "Deaf" Strassman
Sr. Choir: "Hail O' Morn of A King"
Alfred Judson

THIS IS WHITE GIFT SUNDAY
"A Welcome Awaits You"

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
"O Saviour King" (Bach)
Intermediate Choir
Message: "O Glorious Event!"
EVENING

7:00 p.m.—Nativity Story in Song and Verse.

SENIOR CHOR

"The Snow Lay On the Ground" (Leo Sowerby)
"Sleep, Dear Little One" (arr. Al Whitehead)
"There Were Shepherds" (Charles Villiers)
Salvatore, Miss. Madona

"Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance?" (arr. C. H. Kison)
"Gesu Bambino" (Pietro A. Yon)
Soloist: Miss Madona

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE CHOIRS:

"When Christ Was Born of Mary Free"
"Christmas Eve"—Canadian Christmas Song
"Silent Night"—Gruber—3 part arr.
"Rocking Carol"
"Infant Holy"
Solo: "Long, Long Ago"—Betty Graham
Minister—Mr. William Weale
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
"A Blessed Christmas To All"

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.—Sunday 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 WORDS OF CHRISTMAS
Quartet: The Holy Child—A. F. Cunningham
Donna Sutherland, Jerry Barrett, Sue MacKinnon,
Malcolm MacKenzie
Anthem: A Joyous Carol—E. Wells
Senior Carol

7:00 p.m.—CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Choirs participate.
Soloists and Special Christmas Numbers
Scripture Reading by Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess

December 24-7:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Conducted by the Young Adult Society. A brief message by the Minister. Service for the whole family. Come and Worship.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald W. Deacon, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mrs. G. Elliott Hall, F.T.C.L.
Director: Mrs. David Hall, B.A., A.R.C.T.

9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior Dept.
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—"LET US GO TO BETHLEHEM"
(Rev. John G. E. Ball)
Sacrament of Baptism
Solo: "I Wonder As I Wander" (Nites)
Mr. David Hall
Anthem: "Jesus Christ Is Born Today"
(D. Westra)—Soloist: Mrs. David Cox
Solo: Gift Service
Junior Choir

7:00 p.m.—CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
Selections from "Bethlehem" (Wolf)
—Mr. Harvey MacPherson
7:00 p.m.—"The Journey To Bethlehem"
—Mr. Alan MacRae
—Come Rejoicing" (Martin Shaw)
—Mr. David Hall
Mrs. Ian MacLeod
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine—German Carol
"Snow Was On The Mountain"—Coron
"Lo, How A Rose"—(Pratorius)
"The Babe In The Manger"
"This Endless Night"—Eng. Carol
"Jesus Christ Is Born Today"
"Come as you please and sit where you please"

The Kirk of St. James

The Reverend T. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister
Organist and Director of the Choirs

Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.
—Chorus School, Church of Scotland Service
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—THE REVEREND ROSA OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
Sermon: "THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS"
The Reverend Rosa A. Howard, B.A., B.D.
Carols: The Chancel and Gallery Choirs
"I'll eat you" (Fair He lies)" (French)
"Angels we have heard on high" (French)
Anthem: "Christmas Day" (Holst)
Offering: "In dulci jubilo" (Pachelbel)

4:30 p.m.—"THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS" AND THE READING OF THE NINE LESSONS
Readers: John Rankin, Ann Fulminant, John Stewart, Pauline Wood, Peter Hyndman, Janet Mackinnon, Dale Curtis, Heather Shaw, John Enman
Chancel and Gallery Choirs
"A Little Child" (Flemish)
"Midwinter" (on the mountain) (English)
"The Holly and the Ivy" (English)
"Rocking" (Czech)
"Go, tell it on the mountain" (Negro)
"Susan" (Austrian)
"The Infant King" (Bassac)
"This endless night" (English)
"Angels we have heard on high" (French)
"Unto us a Boy is born" (German)
Chorus: "Now let every tongue praise Thee" (Bach)
Offering: Pastoral Symphony "The Messiah" (Handel)
"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN"

N.Y. Broker Sentenced To One Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Investment Broker Ernest D. Campbell has been sentenced to a year and a day in prison and fined \$15,000 for not reporting for a year and a day gains of \$1,500,000 from sale of Canadian stocks.

U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau said Campbell's troubles sprang from not reporting the gains from sales of stocks of his company, Campbell Chemicals, to the Internal Revenue Service after deducting 50 per cent of its long-term capital gains, had an adjusted gross income of \$69,363, but his returns showed a total of only \$70,904.

Givens said that the bulk of Campbell's income was from the sale of stock of the mining company, which deals in gold and copper mining. Campbell is free on \$25,000 bond pending appeal.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave.

Shall we allow our children to believe that Santa Claus is real, and yet teach them our Sunday schools that much of the Christmas story is a myth? Mr. Slahr answers this question in two sermons:

11:00 a.m.—"IS NOT A MYTH OF THE WISE MEN"
7:30 p.m.—"THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS NOT A MYTH."
"Holding Fast the Faithful Word"—Titus 1:9.

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"
Great General

35 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—11:30 a.m.
Friday: Young Men's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m.
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY!

CALVARY TEMPLE

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Bonn, Pastor
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerdale Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, White Gift Gift Sunday
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
"Salvation Depends Upon the Virgin Birth"
7:30 p.m.—Evangelism, Pastor L. Perry, Speaker
Choir and Carol Singing, Drills.

ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
The Ven. Archdeacon R. D. Davies, M.A., B.D., Rector
The Reverend Canon M. Malone, M.A., D.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, L.C.S., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

Dec. 26—The Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Infants)
11:00 a.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong & Sermon

Visitors are most welcome at all services.

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. L. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Nursery Kindergarten Christmas Concert
11:00 a.m.—SERMON: "GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS"
Anthem: "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" (Perry)
Solo: "Shepherds In The Hush of Night" (O'Hara)
—Mrs. Donald MacKenney

7:00 p.m.—CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE with Junior and Senior Choir.
Meditation: "THE HOUSE OF CHRISTMAS"

7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—STAFF PRAYER MEETING commencing with PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS COMRADES
A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

PARK RYAL UNITED CHURCH

13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott,
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 SERVICES
Sermon: "JOY TO THE WORLD"
Anthem: "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mearns)
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School—Choir Carol Service

"Hail, All Hail the Glorious Morn"—Bohemian arr. Trueter
"To us there comes a Little Child"—German arr. D. Malin
"Hail, Holy Jesus"—German arr. F. Fennig
"Ring out, Sweet Bells of Christmas"—M. Pratorius
See and the Wonderful Story of the Birth of Christ
"The Holy and the Ivy"—Traditional
"The Friendly Bells"—12-Century Carol
"He is Born, the Holy Child"—French Carol
"The Little Road to Bethlehem"—Michael Head
"The Virgin's Slumber Song"—Max Regier
"What Child is This"—Old English Arr. Stainer
"The First Noel"—19th Century
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"—Estes's Psalmist
Descent arr. R. Chapman
All Choirs taking part. Soloists heard are: Marlene Ramsey, Sherbyl Prefontaine, Rosemary King, Ann Jamieson, Elizabeth Moore, Bruce Mucklay, Peter Fraser, Helen Wilson, Elizabeth Gray, Donna Hutchings, Pauline Withers.
You Are Welcome to Worship With Us.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1769 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Edles, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CRIM) A.R.C.M.

The Third Sunday in Advent
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL; Junior, Senior and Bible Classes.
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL; Primary and Beginners Classes. (Crib Nursery in Rectory)
11:00—MORNING PRAYER & SERMON
Anthem: "And The Glory of the Lord" by Handel
Soloist: "BE CERTAIN YOU WANT THE RIGHT THINGS"
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER (with Christmas Carols) and Sermon
Subject: "LAUGHING WITH GOD"

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday Night at 11:30 p.m.)
11:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Broadside, C.F.V.)
CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday Morning)
8:30 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
10:30 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION and Pastoral Symphony (Broadside, C.F.V.)
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES. MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE A BLESSING TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.