

Pathos Surrounded His Birth

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EMMANUEL... GOD WITH US

and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us. Matthew, 1:23. Christmas is not something out of Dickens. It is not the aroma of a steaming pudding, nor the tinkle of bells, nor even Tiny Tim. It is not a festoon to be draped over a few days, nor a bright toy in a child's stocking. These things are all good and give our hearts a warm "Christmasy" feeling. But Christmas is a piece of good news, and this good news is found in one word, "Emmanuel" (God with us).

In this age when most of the world's people are poor, illiterate, hungry or sick... in an age when the human race lives under the threat of weapons capable of wiping it out... we are reminded of the good news that God had something different in mind for his children—and Christmas is proof... that God is with us and that sin, disease, illiteracy and poverty can be wiped out.

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On the holy night, the Christ child was born to an unknown carpenter and his wife in Bethlehem. No palace physician attended the Prince of Peace — perhaps a mid-wife or a serving maid. No fine linens were prepared for the mother; no crib for the Babe—just the straw and the manger were theirs. No royal salute was fired to announce His arrival — only the braying of the animals in their stalls was heard. Never was royalty greeted with less pomp and circumstance. Why? Because man could not raise himself to God! So God sent His Son to light up our hearts and minds with His Divine Presence. His living Spirit brightened the most ordinary and commonplace tasks of the day. If He could so hallow that stable, can He not hallow our homes, our places of work, the whole of our lives? Of course! Consider again and again the miracle of His birth. Be in church on Christmas to welcome anew the Christ child in your heart.



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It is important to note that when the shepherds, believing in the prophecy of Micah, Micah 5:2, had heard the message of the angel, they acted upon it immediately, without debate, and went to Bethlehem to seek out the Child. Now, in a town the size of Bethlehem, there might well be more than one baby, but there could only be one "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger," the sign the angel had told them to look for. (Luke 2:12). When they found the Child, they fell down and worshipped Him, and made known everything the Heavenly messenger had told them of Him.

We find our third New Testament witness to the birth of God's Son in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Here he upbraids them for their changeableness and acceptance of a mixed Gospel of faith and law, asking whether they received the Holy Spirit through law or through faith. He reminds them that while law makes them conscious of their sin, it is not Christ, it is their faith and acceptance of Christ that will bring them the salvation promised their fathers of Abraham. (Galatians 3:1-29).

Chapter 4, verses 1-7 bring out the fact that when the time ordained by God for the Messiah's coming had arrived, he would send forth His Son, made of a woman, (note how this Messianic statement carefully excludes human paternity) made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Redemption was Christ's errand and the primary object of His mission. He redeemed us from the law by the sacrifice of the Cross (Galatians 3:13) and granted us adoption as sons of God.

God and entitled to the gift of the Holy Spirit. In verses 6-8, Paul points out how foolish the Galatians were to fall from their high position as spiritually privileged sons of God to the standing of slaves through their bondage to the law. To do this he appeals to their pride in their eye of himself which had existed in former days, and, finally, to their intelligence in recognizing the famous allegory of the two sons of Abraham—one born of a slave, the other born of a free woman (Genesis 21:1-12)—exhorting them to cast aside the role of a slave and to become as children of the free woman.

Theology Binds Faiths Together

By CARDINAL MCGUIGAN It is interesting to reflect that the present-day Ecumenical attitude of Christians has not been due to their hearts, but attention to hard theological facts. Above all, this new Ecumenical attitude has eradicated the concept of the church and has made us discover anew the existence of Christians of mystical bonds. These bonds constitute a oneness between them, despite their differences that no other kind of community between man and man can hope to emulate. The traditional habit of fostering differences, of exaggerating our separation, apart from its mystical bond, to advance God's cause, is untrue to reality itself.

ONE RELIGION Our real present-day task is not to accentuate the things in which we differ, but those in which we are at one in the Lord. A moment's reflection shows us that there is only one religion of Christianity. All Christians pray to the one Father through His Son and the Spirit, all believe that the Son became man to save us from our sins, and that there is no other name under heaven whereby we can be saved. The present charity of Christians towards each other is not simply one of the conditions preparatory to unity, it is already an expression of the basic unity of God's family.

END TO DISUNITY We must believe that God can work the miracle of desecrating the altar of schism itself, and bring to end the visible disunity amongst all Christians. While the church has remained in separation, men and women are still going to be born, and find harborage in them, and we must not feel that various churches are going to disintegrate. It would be wrong for Christians to wait for other Christians to lose the allegiance of their people. On the contrary, our constant and unceasing prayers should be for their extinction, but for the deepening of their faith, so that truth may flourish in them more wonderfully, than before, because truth, all truth, is of God.

NOTHING LOST And when reunion comes, nothing shall be lost of the good things that have flourished in all the churches under the watchful eye of God. Until reunion comes and all divisive differences are ended, there is no question of preaching a kind of common-denominator Christianity. No one is under the delusion that dialogue or ecumenism means that. All the Christian churches are bound to present the Christian message, and all the fullness that is known to them. What we need is to explore together doctrines held in common, and to pool all the insights and emphasis each church has had in separation, and to modify them when such modification is seemed to be needed.

THE PAPACY As to dogma, certainly no Catholic can deny or pretend to deny the claims of the Papacy. But there is such organic unity between all the doctrines of the Catholic faith that when

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the Papacy is seen better in the richer setting of the church which is the mother of all Christians, when the growing realization of the role of the Pope by those at present most bitter antagonistic towards the very old successors of the Apostles leads to further decentralization of the infallibility and universal jurisdiction of the Pope may be seen in a new light, even by those at present most bitter antagonistic towards the very old successors of the Apostles.

CALVARY TEMPLE Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Upper Palace Street Rev. C. K. Best, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hour, Summerdale Radio 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, A Class for Youth 11:00 a.m.—Morning Praise, Come and Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochester Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archdeacon R. Davies, M.A., Rector The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Brenon, Lic. Mus. Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

December 22nd—The Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Morning Prayer 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evangelism and sermon THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PETERS Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m.—Evensong (said) Chapel 11:30 p.m.—The Midnight Eucharist Preceded by Procession and Blessing of Crib Daylight Hours of Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins (Sung) 11:00 a.m.—Procession and Choral Eucharist (Family Service) 5:00 p.m.—Evensong (said) Chapel Visitors are most welcome at any service. "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL"

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1783 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist—Mrs. M. J. G. G. George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Junior, Senior and Bible Classes 11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Primary and Beginners Classes 11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon Subject: "PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord"—Handel. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Subject: "ANNA A WOMAN TO KNOW AND ADMIRE" December 24th—Christmas Eve 11:30 p.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion December 25th—Christmas Day 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion Broadcast CFXY. Attend Church this Sunday.

Central Christian Church 212 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I. Morning 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for every member of the Family. 11:00 a.m.—Lord's Supper and Morning Message. "HOW TO PUT CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" Anthem: "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" Senior Choir "What is This Our Hearts Come Telling" Ladies' Sextette EVENING 7:00 p.m.—Carol Service by Junior and Senior Choirs Junior Choir: "Sing Dong Merrily on High" (arr. Deale) "Ring Bells of Christmas" (Magway) "A Bethlehem Carol" (MacKinnon) "Masters in This Hall" (Old English Carol) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" "Snowy Flakes are Falling Softly" (Havaleck Nelson) "Shepherds! Whence Come You" (French Carol arr. by Daggett) Senior Choir: "Sleep Holy Babe" (Francis W. Snow) "Hark! How the Mistletoe" (Gardner) "Song of the Crib" (arr. Walter MacNutt) "O Nightingale, Awake" "Unto Us a Boy is Born" (German 15th Century) Minister—Mr. William O. Weale Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Bell Organist and Director of Choirs CHRISTMAS SERVICE 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVERSE WORSHIP Sermon: THE GREAT THINGS MARY PORTEND IN HER HEART Anthem: "Ho, Everyone that Thirsteth"—Wm. Bradley Offertory Anthem: "Good Christian Men Rejoice"—Germans Carol "I Saw Three Ships"—English Carol BOYS' CHOIR "We Three Kings of Orient"—American Carol "Good King Wenceslas"—Traditional Carol INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' CHOIR "A Virgin Most Pure"—Traditional Carol "Shepherds, O Say"—French Carol (arr. by Dr. Leslie Bell) SENIOR CHOIR "We Hail Thee With Rejoicing"—Mozart "O Come, O Come Immanuel"—French Carol "Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang"—Florence Biltcliffe ALL CHORUS "Beautiful Savings"—17th Cent. Carol (Decent arr. by R. E. Perry) SOLOS "The Birthday of a King"—Adam Gelbel (Mrs. Elizabeth Gay) "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"—Spiritual (Mr. Donald Hutchison)

7:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 25th 10:00 a.m.—CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP IN TRINITY Church You Are Welcome to Worship With Us

12 The Guardian, Charlottetown, Sat. Dec. 21, 1963. Charlottetown Bible Chapel 233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Family Bible Hour 7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Program Wednesday 10 a.m.—Christmas Day Service Speaker: JAMES A. STARR, B.S., M.Th.

First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Filzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Diagnostics Organist and Choir Director 8:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—"WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?" Anthem: "Christians Awake" (Handel) Solo: "O Holy Night"—Miss Arlene MacDonald Ordinance of Believer's Baptism 7:00—"BACK TO BETHLEHEM" Carols: "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" (Halls) "See Amid the Winter's Snow" (Goss) "The Christ Child"—Mrs. Wayne Coveley Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street 55 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker Sunday Directory Class—8:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holy Communion—11:30 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m. "A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Mrs. Roberta Shaw, Deaconess Mrs. Madely Mackinnon, L.M.S., E.M.S. Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—White Gift Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP SERMON: THE WONDERFUL NAME Solo: O Holy Night—A. Adam Frank Wood Anthem: "Once royal David's child" (Simpson) December 24th—7:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE Training Message by Rev. Donald A. Campbell Christmas Hymns—A Service For the Whole Family. Come And Worship A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

The Kirk of St. James The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choirs Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus. 9:45 a.m.—Church School Christmas Worship 11:00 a.m.—Church School Nursery and Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—THE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP Sermon: "JOURNEY INTO WONDER" (St. John 1:14) Prelude: "Once royal David's child" (Gledhill) Introit: "Break Thou, O beauteous heavenly light" (Bach) Anthem: "Rejoice in the Lord alway" (Hilton) Offertory: "In dulci jubilo" (Bach) Postlude: "Toccata in F" (Widor) 4:30 p.m.—THE CANDLELIGHT CAROL VESPERS Prelude: "Improvement on Christmas Carols" The First Group of Carols—The Chancel Choir "Carol of the Bells" "I saw a maiden" "Patapan" "The Second Group of Carols—The Gallery Choir "Jesus Good above all others" "The friendly beasts" "Hum, Hum, Fum!" "The Third Group of Carols—The Chancel Choir Three Songs of the Crib (Walter MacNutt) "Fall softly, snowflakes!" "Song of the Crib" "Three Kings" "The Fourth Group of Carols—The Gallery Choir "The Cradle" "Unto us a Boy is born" "O Holy Night" (Pachelbel) Postlude: Noel, Noel, sur les jeus d'enfances" (d'Aquin) "LET US NOW GO EVEN TO BETHLEHEM, AND SEE THIS THING WHICH IS COME TO PASS"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. J. G. Ball, B.A. Rev. G. W. Wyrras, B.A., B.D. Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist & Director of Choirs: Roydon F. Magford, A.R.C.O. 9:30 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Junior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery 11:00 a.m.—Broadcast over CFXY "NO VACANCY" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) "Girls' Choir" "Bring a Torch" (French Carol) "Sing Dong Merrily on High" (French Carol) Senior Choir—"Hallelujah Chorus" "Messiah" Handel "Well Anyone Come" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) "Come Rejoicing" (Martin Shaw) "Angels We Have Heard in Heaven" (Westminster) "The Christ-Child Lay" (Arthur Ward) "Before the Paling of the Stars" (Arthur Ward) "Praise the Saviour" "O'er Bethlehem's Pasture" (Polish Carol) Junior Girls "As I Each With Travel" (French) "Soloists: Gayle MacLeod, Anne Irwin "See Amid the Winter's Snow" (English) "Soloists: Ruth Woodcock, Norma Lee Downe, Grace Finley "The Christmas Child" "As I Lay" "We Watched" "Soloists: Jayne Johnston, Carol Rod "Angels We Have Heard in Heaven" (Westminster) "Jesus Abateth" (Huron Carol) "I Wonder as I Wander" (Appalachian Carol) "The Mistletoe" "Sing Dong Merrily" (French) "A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY AND SPRING PARK" (Dr. Kirkwood Drive and Dunbrink Street) CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.—Primary, Junior and Intermediate Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten School 11:00 a.m.—"GOD BLESS YOU"—Rev. C. C. Lewis "Hail, O Morn of a King"—Senior Choir "Joy To The World"—Junior Choir CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson