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Christmas Messages From Local Clergy

By Rev. William Patterson, St. Matthew's United Church

"In the fulness of time, God sent forth His Son". This is the faith of the church, renewed each Christ-

Christmas did not just happen. It is not a mere accident thrown up on the pages of history. It is rather the climax of all that has gone before, and from it all that comes afterward takes its meaning. St. Mark says, "In the beginning, John the Baptist - - -". St. Matthew says, "In the beginning Abraham - - -". St. John says, "In the beginning was the word - - -". Each in turn sees deeper into the past and traces the roots of the Gospel further back. Our faith is rooted deep in history, and in God who moves history. All life was moving toward that one supreme redemptive event. And that event has coloured all that has happened since. As we again celebrate the coming of the Christ child, let us see ourselves and our world in the light of God's simplicities. Let us yield up ourselves anew to Him, that He may work out his purpose in us. Let us wait for His Kingdom with a new assurance that He who conquered sin and death for us will one day, in His own good time. come to reign eternally.

May joy and peace be yours this Christmas season.

By Rev. J. N. Hepburn Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

One of the messages of the Christmas story is that God speaks in ways we understand. That is part of His fatherly compassion. The wise men of the East had spent their nights in pondering on the stars. It was no chance, then, that it was by a star that they were led to the feet of Christ. But the shepherds, devout and humble men, had been familiar since childhood with the angels, and it was through angels that God drew near to them.

The divine voice has a different accent for every differing heart. His voice is as the sound of many waters. There are things He says to every separate individual which probably no one else could understand - His secret is with them that fear Him. That was so with the voice of the Good Shepherd. In different ways He spoke to different people. He never dealt upon the scale of thousands; He always dealt with the scale of one. And today on the throne, this same Christ is still touched with the infirmities of the individual.

Another lesson of the Christmas story is that vision comes along the line of duty. It was while busy in their lowly toil that the shepherds heard the music of the heavens. Some one among their number might not have felt obligated to go to his task that night, and left the work to be done by someone else. Another may have slipped away to spend a little time with friends in their amusements. For such a one there would be no heavenly music, no glorious singing of angels.

Only those going about their ordinary vocations received the revelation that Christ had come to earth.

There is an old story of a porter in a monastery whose duty it was to answer the monastery bell when it rang to signify that someone was at the gate and needed help. One day while in his cell engrossed in prayer the porter had a vision of the Lord. Then came the urgent summons of the monastery bell. Must he leave the vision to go in answer to the call of duty. Reluctantly the porter went, did his duty, and hastened back to his cell. Would the vision still be there? It was, and a voice spoke to him, "Had thou remained, I would have vanished, but thou wert faithful to the call of duty, and, lo, I am still here."

We are all tempted to run away sometimes. We crave for liberty from the drudgery of the common day. We seem to be missing so much in the routine of every day living. We long for a larger life. But the angel music never comes that way. Heaven has never a song for those who shirk their duties. It was on men who were faithful to their appointed tasks that there broke the glory of the Lord that first Christmas Eve.

By Rev. J. W. Newton-Smith

Saint Gabriel & Saint Barnabas Anglican Churches Many many years have passed since the angels appeared to the Shepherds on the hillside with the words, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace, good will towards men."

Society has changed from the life of the Shepherd to the complicated living of a metropolitan area in an industrial age. But no matter how many changes have taken place since the words first rang out, the need of peace and of strength to overcome fear is as great, if not greater than before. Again the glorious news floats over the town in such a multitude of ways. As it comes to each of you, I would urge you to hear-the word and answer with the Shepherds - "Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" - and going assure yourself and your family of a truly blessed Christmas time.

> By Rev. Frederick J. McGinn, P.P. St. Mary's Catholic Church

"We were to look forward, blessed in our hope, to the day when there will be a new dawn of glory, the glory of the Great God, the glory of Our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus II, 13.

These words of St. Paul, used by the Church at the Midnight Mass, indicate quite clearly what our attitude of mind should be as we observe the Birthday of Our Lord. No matter how careless one has been, if he still

retains faith in Christ and offers his prayers in humble submission, then there is hope. For thousands of years before the birth of Christ, from the moment when our First Parents sinned and the Redeemer of the human race was promised, all faithful souls looked forward with anxious eyes, hoping

that it might be their privilege to see the Saviour upon earth, or at least to have part in the glorious kingdom which He would establish. Many kings and prophets and wise men yearned for the realization of this hope, and yet they failed to see the time of fulfilment. It is our privilege as Christians to reap the blessings of that event for which so many longed in vain, for Christ has come, and by His grace we are members of His Church, the Kingdom He established here on earth, sharing in all its wonderful graces and blessings, and heirs to the glories of His Kingdom above.

We have realised the hope of so many others, but there is for us a higher, a more blessed prospect - that of reigning hereafter with our new-born Saviour in the unending Kingdom of Heaven. Cultivate your virtue of hope then, and as St. Paul says, 'be blessed in its possession.' Do not allow such an admirable virtue to dwindle into wishful-thinking, but be sure that it is founded on solid practice. Labour as if all depended on you, and pray as if all depended on God.

May the Christ-Child bless you and your dear ones

at Christmas and throughout the New Year.