

Trinity News

December 27, 2009

The Christmas story has at its heart several lasting matters:

In Love Jesus came to teach the world that the only way to live is to love to the end and never to be persuaded that something can be substituted for love.

In Peace he walked the earth and gave people a fresh sense of hope and purpose. There was peace within him. It was so powerful that he stilled a storm one day.

In Hope, he gave us all a chance to choose a second birth. No matter what our circumstances, the child at Bethlehem reminds us that our circumstances do not necessarily define our lives. They do affect us, but we can rise above them. Christ was born in a stable, because there was no other lodging. He was later taken upstairs we think into the upper part of the house which was situated over the stable. Instant alarm clock in the morning when the animals stirred below! During the Holy Family's first few days in the house the Three Wise Men called by tradition Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar came to represent the world outside Palestine at his birthplace.

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In Joy he came among us and taught us that the meaning of joy is clearer when someone realizes that their life's work is to be a servant of God.

In Spirit, he's forever near to be our true reward. Jesus lives in the hearts of his people. He is not constrained to being within us, but he does live on earth in the hearts of those who love him. Every time we break bread or read and ponder on the words of the Gospels we hear his voice as of old in Galilee or in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Make the most of these moments with family and friends.
The gift of life is the most precious gift of all: treasure the moments. You can't have them over. Sad, but true. Don't hang on to the past and don't worry about the future. As Christ said, there is no future until you step into it and create it. That moment becomes the future until another moment is entered.

May Love, Peace, Hope, Joy, Spirit and love-in-family be yours this Christmastide and in the days ahead as we enter a New Year.

The Gate of the Year

by Minnie Louise Haskins 1875-1957

**"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the
hand of God
And that shall be better for you than light and safer than a known
way!'**

First Sunday after Christmas: December 27, 2009 We are thankful to those who are ministering in the church this morning

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: [7:30] Delia Yu

[9:30] Robert Ursua / Andrew Malpass

Readers: [7:30] Hazel Rose Madamba

[9:30] Terry Lynch

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos

Ushers: [7:30] Lilia Yu / Ruth Yu

[9:30] Elvira Noppers / Jesse Tan

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged
Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:

Eizadia Washington-Danaux and Joanna Danaux

Collect:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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Gospel: John 1:1-18

(NRSV)

Sunday Hymns:

[7:30] Gradual No. 107, Good Christian friends rejoice
Recessional No. 87, Hark the herald angels sing

[9:30] Processional No. 93, Angels from the realms of glory
Gradual No. 107, Good Christian friends rejoice
Communion No. 78, O Little town of Bethlehem
Recessional No. 87, Hark the herald angels sing

Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their

Reynaldo Philip Cabanban (Dec. 27) Decegem Gepayo (Dec. 30)

Johanna Michelle Ceballos (Dec. 27) Edmund Lim (Dec. 30)

John GoHoc (Dec. 27) Amy Gonzales (Dec. 31)

Mia Samantha Gooding (Dec. 27) Mary Tan (Dec. 31)

Cherry Ann Lynch (Dec. 28) Karl Lester Yao (Dec. 31)

John Thoburn (Dec. 28) Vicky Lee (Jan. 1)

Vania Yu (Dec. 28) Charlotte Malpass (Jan. 2)

Corinne Gohoc (Dec. 29)

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries especially

Isagani & Brigitte Mauleon.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield,

Beryl Tanner, Bonnie SyCip, Carlyn-Fern, JPeter, Rom Vildzius,

Johnny Manning Jr, Audrey Lacson, Isabel Yu, Loy Solasco, Ben-

jie Conzaes, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman, Diana

Croyston, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmás, Helen Ir-

vine, Carrie Angus, Valerie Jones, Emerinciana Gatela, Ron Jacob,

Suzanne Jacobson, Joy Bondad

Elizabeth Clemo, Rose Cumberland, Gordon-Denton Russel,

Charmian Mock on the occasion of their death anniversaries.