



## Christ Born Anew

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**A**bove the cradle bends a woman's head,  
And lips say holy grace.  
The halo that a Star of Bethlehem shed  
Encircles her young face.

**T**houghts of world quests  
those wee feet may pursue,  
Set heart to beating wild,  
for Christ unto the earth is  
born anew  
With each new little child.



## The Message of Christmas

By CARDINAL GIBBONS.

**T**ODAY the whole Christian world prostrates itself in adoration around the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love a history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity. If asked to explain the rapturous influence which controls us we have no other words than the evangel of joy which the angel gave unto earth, "For this day is born unto you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

The blessings resulting from our Christian civilization are poured out so regularly and abundantly on the intellectual, moral and social world, like the sunlight and the air of heaven and the fruits of the earth, that they have ceased to excite any surprise, except to those who visit lands where the religion of Christ is little known.

Before the advent of Christ the whole world, with the exception of the secluded Roman province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry. Men worshipped the sun and moon and stars of heaven. They worshipped everything except God only, to whom alone divine homage is due. Christ, the Light of the World, proclaimed unto all men in its fullness the truth which had hitherto been hidden in Judea. He taught mankind to know the one true God, a God existing from eternity unto eternity, a God who created all things by his power, who governs all things by his wisdom and whose superintending providence watches over the affairs of nations as well as of men, "without whom not even a sparrow falls to the ground."

The message of Christmas day is intended for all men, for all times, for all conditions of existence. Only by stern adhesion to the principles therein contained can individuals and nations hope to share in that peace which has been promised to men of good will. To violate them is to reverse the order established by God, and disorder is the synonym for sin and strife.

### The Greatest Gift.

Christmas stands for one thing—our Father's wondrous love to us, his erring and unworthy children, in sending his only begotten Son into this world to die for our sins and to rise again to be our Deliverer each day from sin and selfishness.

Jesus Christ himself is the great Christmas gift. The only true way to keep Christmas is by first of all accepting for ourselves this wondrous gift of our Heavenly Father and then to show our appreciation of this wondrous gift by giving ourselves and all that we have for others.

It is a true instinct that leads us to give to others Christmas presents, but too often in following out this instinct we give these Christmas gifts to the wrong persons. We give to those who already have too much and forget those who have not enough.

God gave his great gift to the needy, to those who had nothing to return for his gift. Let us follow him. Let us find the needy and give to them out of our abundance. Every one who is in comfortable circumstances should find some family that is really in need, some family where there will be little Christmas brightness unless others come to their help and give to this family a real Christmas, including a good Christmas dinner and some appropriate gift to every member of the family down to the youngest child.

Don't do it through some society. What is most needed is living and sympathetic personal contact between rich and poor. Do this and you will have as merry a Christmas as you ever knew.—Rev. R. A. Torrey.

## CHRISTMAS SONG.

By EDMUND HAMILTON SEARS.

Calm on the listening ear of night  
Come heaven's melodious strains  
Where wild Judea stretches far  
Her silver mantled plains;  
Celestial choirs from courts above  
Shed sacred glories there,  
And angels with their sparkling lyres  
Make music on the air.

The answering hills of Palestine  
Send back the glad reply  
And greet from all their holy heights  
The day spring from on high.  
O'er the blue depths of Galilee  
There comes a holier calm,  
And Sharon waves in solemn praise  
Her silent groves of palm.

"Glory to God!" The lofty strain  
The realm of ether fills.  
How sweeps the song of solemn joy  
O'er Judah's sacred hills!  
"Glory to God!" The sounding skies  
Loud with their anthems ring.  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's eternal King."

Light on thy hills, Jerusalem!  
The Saviour now is born.  
More bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains  
Breaks the first Christmas morn,  
And brighter on Moriah's brow,  
Crowned with her temple spires,  
Which first proclaim the newborn light,  
Clothed with its orient fires.

This day shall Christian lips be mute  
And Christian hearts be cold?  
Oh, catch the anthem that from heaven  
O'er Judah's mountains rolled  
When nightly burst from seraph harps  
The high and solemn lay,  
"Glory to God; on earth be peace;  
Salvation comes today!"

## The Madonna of the Grotto



In religious symbolism from very early times red and blue were sacred to the Mother of Christ. Red expressed heavenly love and aspiration; blue, truth, constancy, purity. In pictures representing the Assumption the Virgin is clad in white. In pictures termed the Immaculate Conception she is arrayed in white. This subject was not treated in early art.



### A Prayer For Christmas.

Almighty God, we give thee thanks for the mighty yearning of the human heart for the coming of a Saviour and the constant promise of thy word that he was to come. In our own souls we repeat the humble sighs and panting aspirations of ancient men and ages and own that our souls are in darkness and infirmity without faith in him who comes to bring God to man and man to God. We bless thee for the tribute that we can pay to him

from our sense of need and dependence and that our own hearts can so answer for their wilderness the cry, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." In us the rough places are to be made smooth, the crooked straight, the mountains of pride brought low and the valleys of despondency lifted up. O God, prepare thou the way in us now, and may we welcome anew thy holy child! Hosanna! Blessed be he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Amen.—Osgood.

## Powell Butte.

Powell Butte, Dec. 21.

Miss Mabel Allen arrived home Saturday from Bear creek where she has charge of a school and will spend the holidays on the farm.

Mrs. A. W. Bayne has been ailing for the past several weeks.

Mrs. Hall Sr., came up from Portland Sunday for an extended visit with her son, E. N. Hall.

C. M. Charlton has been visiting Mrs. Charlton and the boys in Prineville the past few days.

Guy Sears has been on the sick list for several days.

Geo. Eisler sold a team, wagon and harness to a Terrebonne man recently.

A telegram telling of the death of their mother came to George and Lee Hobbs Friday morning and they left Friday evening for their former home in Glendale, Ore.

Born—December 17, to the wife of Ross Bussett, a daughter.

Bob Smith of Prineville has moved to his Powell Butte farm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Truesdale, Messrs.

George and Frank Kissler and John Tuck attended the Hall sale at Terrebonne Thursday.

"Grandma" Brown has been ill for the past few days.

George Morgan and Reeves Wilcox were Prineville visitors Saturday.

A large number of cellars out this way are not proof against the 11 below zero weather which has been visiting us recently and as a consequence there are lots of frozen potatoes.

The Union Sunday School at Wilson schoolhouse is preparing for their Xmas program and treat at the schoolhouse Thursday evening. A good time is anticipated.

### Baptist Church

Bible school at 10 a. m. Classes for all.

Preaching, 11 a. m. Subject, "Am I a Saved Man?"

Junior B. Y. P. U., 2:30 p. m.

Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.

Preaching, 7:30, subject, "Seven New Things." All welcome. Special music. H. Patton Hall, minister.

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