

“IS THERE ROOM?”

“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as did receive Him, He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name ” John 1:11-12

In a day where a self-absorbed culture shut out an expectant mother, her husband and her about-to-be born Child, so that the only place they had to stay was a stable, yet Christ was born; the angels sang; the shepherds marveled, and the promise of the world’s salvation “became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.”

Our present culture would also like to shut out this family. It does it by lawsuits against nativity scenes; 24/7 broadcasts of sappy Christmas music having nothing to do with Christ; with “Seasons Greetings” and “Happy Holidays” in place of “Merry Christmas,” and with so many of God’s people so busy with the holidays that they have no time to be with Him for the Holy Day. Yet, Christ still remains; His Word is still being proclaimed and sung “joyful and triumphant” by the faithful who still come; Jesus still dwells among His people, full of grace and truth, through His Word and Sacraments, and sinners still find forgiveness, life and salvation as a free gift through faith in Him.

Christmas is coming! The Savior was born for us who is Christ the Lord. The Good News, though ignored and despised by many, is still being heralded throughout the world. And those who believe this Good News of “God and sinners reconciled” through Christ, have the greatest gift of all.

This Christmas, and every week throughout the year, “O come, let us adore Him; Christ the Lord.”

*Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart For You to dwell within my heart
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Merry Christmas! God bless us, every one.