

Today's Meditation

There is often rare beauty in simplicity. The coming of Christ was such a simple and richly beautiful event. A service that is designed and offered with the prayer that in its use Christ may be born anew in every heart, would then be a joyous Christmas indeed.

Read Luke 2:8-14. The good news of the Christian faith is all wrapped up in Christmas. The joyful word from Christianity to the world is that the

Savior has come. This was the angel's message at the birth of Christ; it is the Christian message today. The Savior has come for all people.

All of us cry for salvation at one time or another. In our honest moments we know that the salvation we really need can come only from outside ourselves — from the living God. We need salvation when adversity strikes; but even in our best moments we know that until we have received the Savior there is estrangement within our own lives, with our brothers, and with our God.

The Christmas message declares that these estrangements can be remedied. The Savior has come,

and the deepest wounds, the most severe brokenness, the most fragmented relationships can be mended. Christmas assures us that salvation is available to us as we open our lives to our heavenly Father. We see in Him, a way out, broken and broken, soiled and stained, seeking and struggling, it matters little. The Savior has come and our hurts can be healed, our brokenness made whole again, our sins forgiven.

PAUSE and PONDER: Why do we need a Savior? What are the areas in our lives where we most need the Savior at this moment? Share thoughts with one another and express them in your prayers. Prayer: Our Father, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Sa-

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visor. Help us to receive the fullness of Thy salvation. Grant us grace to live joyful, obedient, and triumphant lives as Thy children in this Thy world. May this day be marked with the birth of Christ in the hearts of many persons. May the spirit of peace reign within our hearts and invade the nations of the world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Thought for the Day: With joy and thanksgiving let us receive Jesus Christ, who comes to each one of us today as Savior. —Reuben Job

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