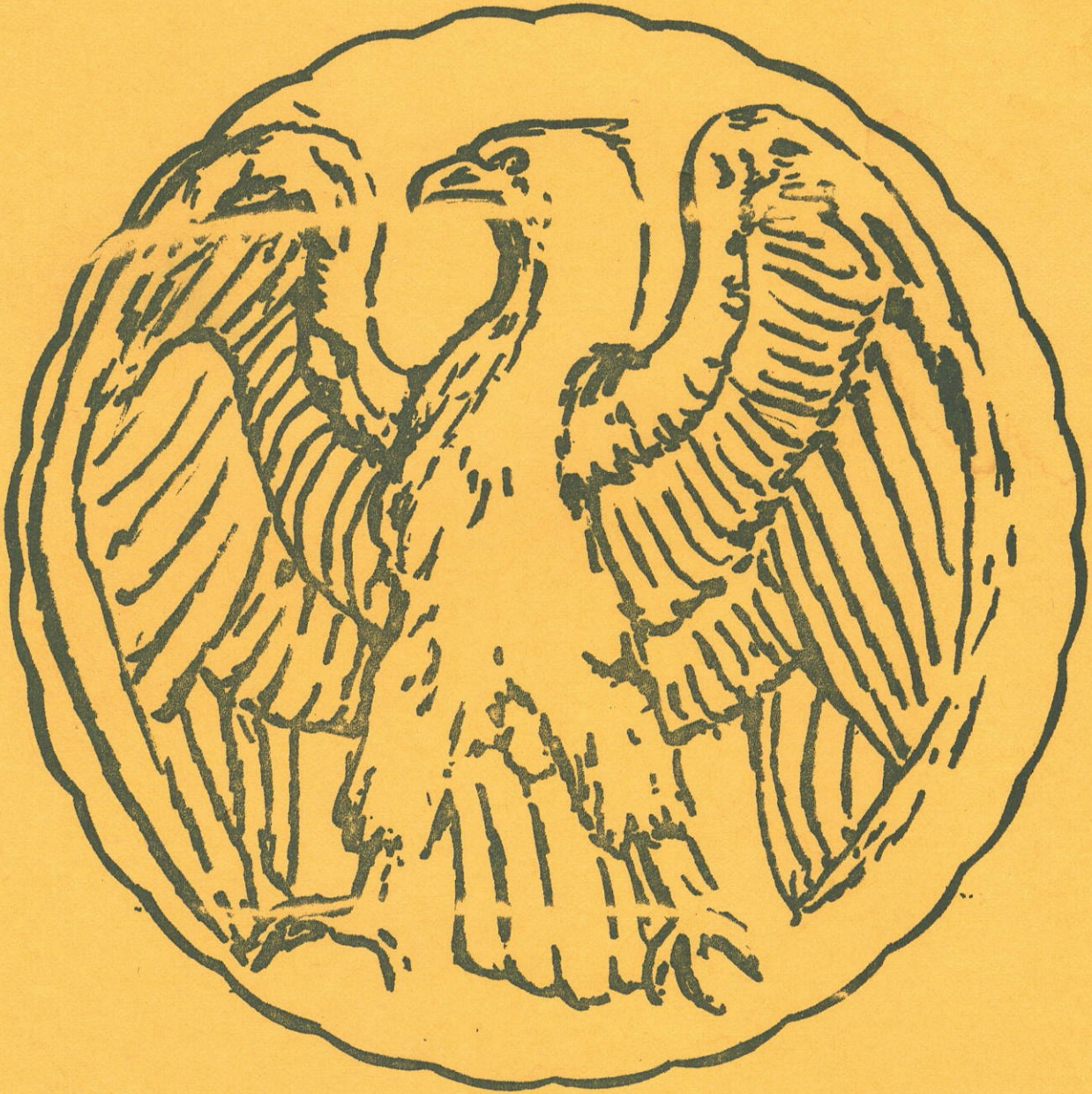


THE CARILLON



St. John's Church

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

EASTER

"Now is Christ risen from the dead."

- 1 Corinthians 15:20

That is Easter ... the simple remembrance of the sublime assurance of that fact. And that is all we need, just the overwhelming assurance of that eternal truth.

Are we come like Peter, crushed by our unworthy denials, by our cowardice and our sin, hurrying to find out if those sins, bad as they were, have been somehow offset through God's Almighty power? If so, then to us comes a lifting of the weight from our hearts, the untold relief of knowing that it is not too late, that we may have a second chance now that Christ is risen from the dead.

Or, are we come like John, more deeply moved, more quietly reverent, almost afraid to believe the seemingly unbelievable? If so, then comes to us the same glad assurance to be pondered in all its wonder, as we go away again unto our own home.

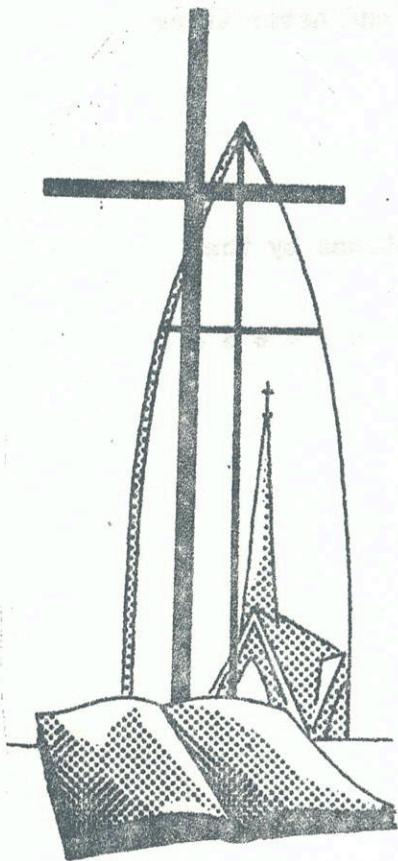
Or, are we come like Mary, with the sadness of some loss weighing on our hearts, making us feel that our only solace can be found in the

ground where our loved one was laid to rest? Then to us, comes the corrective to all human grief: "Why seek ye the living here?" There is no death, no final loss, no utter separation, now that Christ is risen from the dead.

Or, are we like those two who left behind in deep despair the city of their shattered hopes - doubts creeping into their minds, so much unexplained, so much to which there seemed no key? If so, then to us comes the assurance, "O ye of little faith, wherefore did ye doubt? ... Now is Christ risen from the dead."

Or again, are we like those several who gathered together on that evening when the doors were shut, unconvinced and unconvincing, not knowing how long their fellowship would last, not knowing what message they could bear? Are we unquickened, unrenewed? Then to us comes the certainty: "Reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side."

Wherefore, lift up your hearts this Easter. Thank God for the gift of His Son. Thank God for the glory of His Resurrection, the solace it brings, the hope it affords, the transformation it effects.



Spiritually Speaking (cont'd.)

"Good morning," we say to one another, "Christ is risen." And back comes the answer, hallowed by centuries of Christian use, and never truer than now, "Good morning, Christ is risen indeed."

Your friend and rector,

Canon M.P. Poole

(From the book, SHERMAN by Joan Sherman Weir, being reflections by the late Archbishop Sherman of Rupert's Land.)

The Master walked into my office,
"I've come for your help," said He,
"That church of which you're a member
Is not what it ought to be."

"Why, certainly, Lord," I said briskly,
"If there's anything I can do
You know You have only to ask me.
I generally try to come through."

I rang the bell for a steno,
"Do some letters for Jesus," I said,
"And send them postpaid to the people."
The Master looked down, shook His head,

"It isn't a circular letter
That goes through the mails that I need,
It's a living epistle I'm after
That all men can see and read."

I didn't let on that I heard Him,
I reached for my cheque book and pen,
"This will help with the Boy's work."
He answered, "I'm not out for money, but men.
You give me your money for church work,
You pay for what others may do,
That's fine, and I surely can use it,
But first, don't you see, I want you!"

— Dr. A. Huband.

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Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth.

QUI BENE CANTAT BIS ORAT



(Gary Gray is in Yugoslavia for a holiday, and we have guest contributors, Mr. & Mrs. A. Schneider)

At this time of year, in Lent, it does us good to read over again the words of the children's hymn, "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" .

"The Holy Spirit shall teach you." ... Luke 12:12

"Holy Spirit, hear us;
Help us while we sing;
Breathe into the music
Of the praise we bring.

"Holy Spirit, prompt us
When we kneel to pray;
Nearer come and teach us
What we ought to say.

"Holy Spirit, shine thou
On the book we read;
Gild its holy pages
With the light we need.

Holy Spirit, give us
Each a lowly mind;
Make us more like Jesus
Gentle, pure, and kind.

Holy Spirit, help us
Daily by Thy might
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right."

- W.H. Parker 1880

Another children's hymn based on the story of Samuel is also helpful to think of, that we might have a "hearing ear" and "a willing spirit." This is one of the beautiful hymns of the Anglican Church.

"O give me Samuel's ear
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy word,
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all.

"O give me Samuel's heart
O lowly heart, that waits
Wherein Thy house Thou art,
Or watches at Thy gates,
By day and night, a heart that
still
Moves at the breathing of Thy
will.

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"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free
"There," He pointed out a tiny spot
and said,

"Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no! Not that!
Why, no one would ever see
No matter how well my work was done,
Not that little spot for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not
stern,

He answered me tenderly,
"Oh, search that heart of thine,
Art thou working for them or Me?
Nazareth was a little place
And so was Galilee."

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FROM BLIZZARDS TO BEACHES - by Ruby & Stan Pickin

It was about 4 a.m. on January 10, 1977 that we woke to the worst snow-storm of this, and indeed of many, seasons. The storm started about 8:30 p.m. the evening before and was at its full rage - and continued to be for many more hours. We were concerned that we wouldn't make it.

Now, you are probably wondering what on earth we were doing up so early, and what we were anxious to do. Well, we were to catch a plane at 7:30 a.m., fly South and join a cruise ship at San Juan, Puerto Rico. We were to be at the airport by 6:00 a.m., and had reserved a taxi the night before to come at 5:30 a.m. It was nearly 6:00 a.m. and still no cab. When we called the company, they said the cab should have been at our place twenty minutes before. We thought, "we can't get to the airport in time, and even if we do, they'll have to cancel the flight." However, with a few quiet prayers (and perhaps a little luck), we were there in plenty of time and we took off as scheduled.

Within ten minutes we had left the storm behind, and we were winging away through the blue skies to bright sunshine.

We arrived aboard the "S.S. Britanis" about 12:45 p.m. (San Juan is an hour ahead of Toronto) and the temperature was 81 degrees, average for that time of year. We were not sailing until very late in the evening, so had plenty of time to get settled and do some on-board exploring by ourselves, and to sit out on the sun deck and relax.



We enjoyed everything about the ship ... the fabulous meals, the good service, two dance bands with vocalists, an exciting and different floor show every night, and the Captain's parties. If these are not your pleasures, why not try the movie cinema every night, and bingo, the casino, card-room, bars, lounges, shuffle-board, ping-pong and swimming pool....stroll or sit.

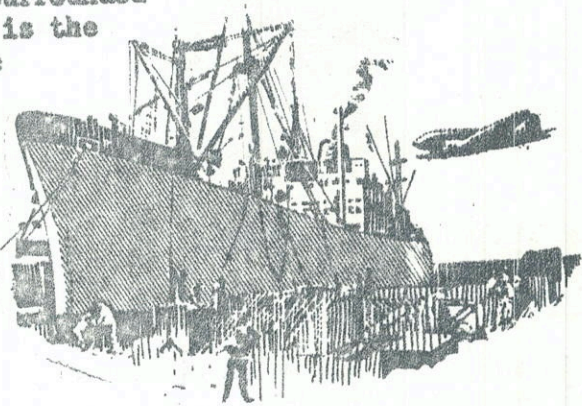
Next morning our first stop was St. Thomas, of the Virgin Islands - part of the Antilles Chain separating the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. We took a tour ashore, visited beautiful, sandy beaches, saw the capital town - Charlotte Amalie (named for a former Danish queen when the territory belonged to Denmark), up into the hills including a stop at the famous 'Bluebeard's castle,' which gives a commanding view of the harbour. Saw the Queen Elizabeth II sitting out in the harbour. English is the language, and American money is used exclusively.

Next morning we arrived at Martinique, the birthplace of Napoleon's Josephine, where the language is French, and the currency is the franc. Here, our tour took us through very lush mountain areas, banana plantations, the rain forest, small fishing villages, and down country roads banked high with



flaming red poinsettias....Mt. Pelee, the volcano, and the ruins of a town along the shore, which was almost completely wiped off the map when the volcano erupted in 1902, killing 30,000 people. A brief stop at the Basilica, designed and built in a much smaller style of the Mother church, the Basilica of the Sacre Coeur in Paris. In the afternoon, a group of local dancers and instrumentalists came aboard to entertain us with their culture and color.

St. Vincent, a jewel of the 'Windward Islands' is next with its pretty hilly country-side surrounded by the blue Caribbean waters. Kingstown is the capital, and is English-Speaking. In the evening everyone is invited to attend the Captain's formal cocktail party and special dinner.



On Friday, we sailed into La Guaira, Venezuela, South America, and there is a thirty minute drive through the beautiful Andes mountains to Caracas, the capital ... very modern with its many high-rise and very wide downtown streets ... and old-fashioned with its old Spanish Colonial buildings and cobbled streets. It is the birthplace of Simon Bolivar, liberator of many of the countries in South America. The language here is Spanish, and we had an unexpected 'extra' when El Presidente and a motorcade of about a dozen limousines and police escort passed on their way to a formal luncheon. Our own four-course luncheon waited for us at the country's largest and most modern hotel in a dining room twice the size of the Royal York's biggest ballroom. After lunch, a long drive into the mountains to visit a glass-making factory and its gift shop, purposely situated at the high cooler altitude because of the very high temperatures needed in glass blowing, and just 12 degrees off the Equator.



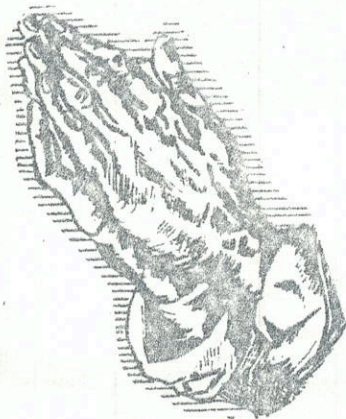
Next day we stopped in at Curacao, of the Dutch Antilles, where the currency is the Guilder and Floren. The capital city, Willemstad, is very appropriately nicknamed 'Little Holland' because of its canals and red-tiled gabled roofs. We walked over the pedestrian only Queen Emma Bridge (named after Queen Juliana's grandmother), purported to be the longest pontoon bridge in the world. A new skyway bridge for motor traffic, similar to our Burlington Skyway, and named for Queen Juliana is further

upstream. Curacao has the second largest oil refinery in the world (over 800 oil storage tanks), a synagogue built in 1732 and the oldest Jewish Cemetery in the Western Hemisphere.

We set sail at 8 p.m., sailed all the next day and finally arrived in San Juan the next morning. The next week was spent in Puerto Rico, where we enjoyed the beaches and shopping.

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PRAYER & PRAISE



(contributed by L. Mitchell)

GROWING UP INTO CHRIST

"In quietness and in confidence
shall be your strength."

... Isaiah 30:15

Starting now, during Lent, let us use our quietness, confidence and strength to grow up into Christ.

The change of heart by which we become children of God is spoken of in the Bible as 'birth'. It is compared to the germination of the good seed. We can draw from natural life illustrations to help us better understand the spiritual life.

Man with all his wisdom and skill cannot produce life in either animal nor plant. It is only God himself alone can give life, and that also goes for spiritual life. As with life, so it is with growth. It is God who makes the bud bloom, and the flower to fruit. The plant cannot grow by its own effort or care; neither can we secure spiritual growth by our own effort and anxiety. The plant needs air, food, and sunshine. What these gifts of nature are to the plant, Christ is to the spiritual life. He is the Everlasting Light, Sun and Shield, Living Water, and Bread of Life. As the plant needs the sun for its beauty, so the spiritual life needs

sun of Righteousness to shine upon it that it may develop into the likeness of Christ.

Jesus taught these things when He said, "Abide in Me and I in you," as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, without the vine, likewise we cannot live a holy life without Christ. Many people think all they need Christ for is to forgive their sins, and they can manage the rest of their lives by themselves. This is not so. It is by communion with Him that we grow in grace.

When we try to manage on our own we are faced with cares, sorrows, perplexities, weaknesses, and imperfection of self and others, but by abiding in Christ we draw strength for our weakness, and wisdom for our ignorances. How do we abide in Christ? By faith we become His and by faith we are to grow up in Him. Let the mind dwell upon Him, His Love, His Beauty, His Perfection, His Purity, His Holiness, His Character.

There may not always be that high feeling, but there should always be an abiding peaceful trust. All doubt and fear put aside. Let self be lost in Him. Say like Paul, 'I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.' Rest in Christ; remember He is able to keep that which is committed to Him. Besides the Resurrection has no true meaning, not a fact until the risen Christ lives in the heart of the believer.

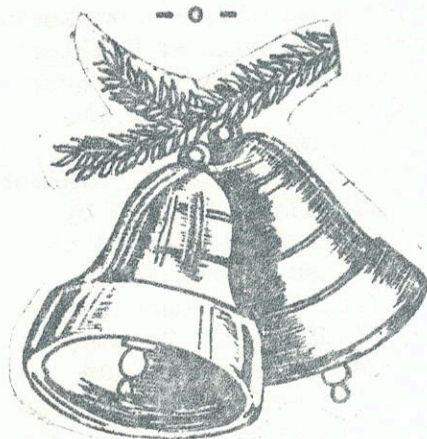
Jesus prayed for us and asked that we might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. All that Christ was to the disciples He desires to be to us His children today, for in His last prayer with His disciples, He said, "Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." (John 17:20)

Prayer & Praise (cont'd.)

With the risen Christ living in our hearts we will manifest His likeness, and loving Him and abiding in Him we shall grow up in Him.

O Christ, we pray, let us come to know Thee as a Living Lord, the Conqueror of the world and death. That we may no longer be troubled by the world problems, knowing Thou hast overcome the world. We pray for Thy Living Presence in our lives always.

- Amen -



DING DONGS FROM THE BELL TOWER

... Nice to see Betty Boardman at the Senior Citizens on Thursday again, recuperating after breaking her hand.

... Hear that Phyl Goodfellow took part in a Weight Watchers fashion show at the Sheridan Mall recently.

... Phyl and Gib Goodfellow are off on another exciting 'school break' trip .

... Gary Grey has gone to Yugoslavia for his 'school break'.

... Ruby Hoyland, Kimi and Temi are spending their 'school break' in Vancouver and Calgary.

... Happy travelling and safe return to you all!

... John and Priscilla Varley were guests of honour at a lovely shower at the home of John and Cathy Gower recently. Welcome, Priscilla, to St. John's fellowship and community.

... On the sick list lately ... Muriel Lawson and Herald Buckle ... hope you're both better soon.

... Lois Ashenhurst is out of hospital and recovering nicely from a recent operation.

... Glad to hear that Herb and Agnes Thornton's daughter, Ann, is to be remarried soon. Happy news indeed.

... Had a nice visit with Bea Thorne ... she's keeping well.

... Betty Palmer is happy these days. Sold her big house - but at this date is planning to stay in the neighbourhood.

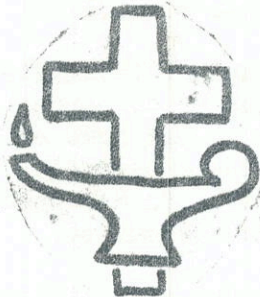
W A N T E D

Co-ordinator for TEA, COFFEE & CONVERSATION. Duties: round up some volunteers to look after it each Sunday; keep supplies on hand.

... The present co-ordinator is Ye Olde Editor, who does not find it very convenient to look after a coffee, tea, and conversation AND sing in the choir AND look after Chancel duties AND help out at Runnymede Hospital, AND do Warden duties. Don't mind admitting it ... it's a bit much!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE BIRTH OF THE PRAYER BOOK

At the core of Anglican liturgy is the Prayer Book. And at the core of the Prayer Book was Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury under Henry VIII and later under Edward VI. First and foremost a scholar, hesitant, slow-moving of mind, he was a non-political man in two extremely political positions: first, Ambassador to Emperor Charles V, then at Canterbury, to which he was recommended by Anne Boleyn. As a believer in royal supremacy, he earned Henry's trust, and his lack of faction enabled him to whittle away at the King's conservatism. The liturgy which ultimately resulted has been shaped by his character. His middle road has become one of the prime treasures of Anglicanism.

The first attempt at reform was very conservative - translating, simplifying, arranging and collecting old services which had been in England from the beginning. There was much regional diversity in the services, e.g. Sarum Use, York, Hereford, Bangor, etc. Sarum was most popular, but not practical, as it stood; it used many books. There was, therefore, a need both to consolidate and to standardize.

The first service published in English was the Litany (from which ours is derived). This was a procession, full of pomp and circumstance, occurring before the communion began. An English

Communion Service followed, also in what would be equivalent to "leaflet form." The first complete prayer book was published in 1549; though published under Edward, it was prepared under Henry, and was characterized by the conservatism of his churchmanship.

It is interesting to note that, while the first Prayer Book was sanctioned both by Parliament (known for its more Protestant leanings) and Convocation (the Bishops - a most conservative body), the book of 1552 was approved by Parliament only. This book shows far more of Cranmer's work. He drew on old, pre-mediaeval Greek sources, as well as Gallican forms, in constructing his Prayer Book. Although we consider the book as middle-of-the-road (whether for good or ill!), Cranmer found himself constantly bombarded by Protestant influences, trying to steer the English church in Calvinist directions. Once change begins, it is difficult to stop it just where one would like, and some of both Edward's advisors and Cranmer's colleagues were strongly influenced by Calvinists from Switzerland and Germany with no reverence for past things. As well, there was a Calvinist on England's doorstep, John Knox, to whom the 1549 book was just a step away from Papism. He, too, was part of the influence drawing the 1552 book further into Protestantism.

It was, by comparison with the earlier book, extremely Protestant. The act of communion was still central, but the externals were Calvinist. It was a book of compromise: Cranmer and his scholars hoped that both "high" and "low" parties would find what they wanted in it. The thing it did set out to do: destroy any

Christian Education (cont'd.)

would-be vehicles for Romish superstition which the earlier book might contain. To this end, for example, the controversial Black Rubric was added at the end of the communion service (page 92), as an explanation for receiving communion kneeling. The rubric has had a chequered career: it was taken out under Elizabeth, put back in 1662, and is still there.

The book of 1552 was used only nine months: the accession of Mary Tudor changed abruptly the direction of the English church.

(Next month: MARY AND ELIZABETH)

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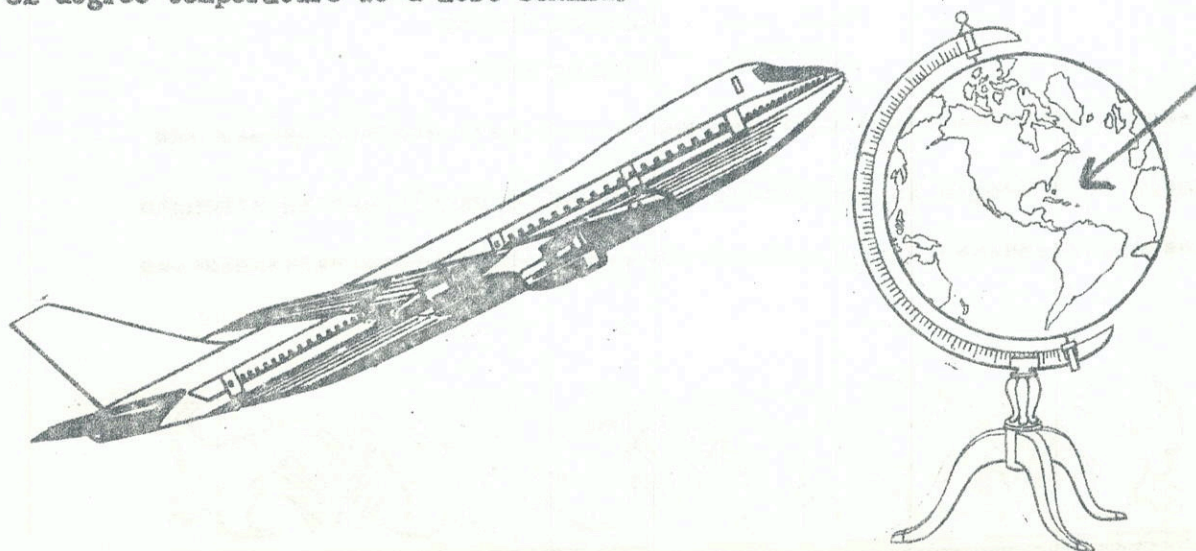
"In a moment I shall pronounce you man and wife but first a few words about our church restoration plan."

From Blizzards to Beaches (cont'd.)

It was Le Lo Lai Festival time, with many musical fiesta concerts and variety shows, sponsored by the Tourist Company. And of course, we visited the Bacardi Rum Distillery and Bottling Plant ... and yes, they do give samples mixed any way you like it!

What did we like the best? It was all so very interesting and exciting, but perhaps the pleasure of meeting so many people of other races and languages, ... Greek, Spanish, Dutch, French, and many, many accents of English. They all came from so many backgrounds and occupations, that the old TV show "What's My Line?" would have been in business for months.

And what did we come back to? Toronto, of course, and lots of snow and cold weather ... just as we left it two weeks before. Enough to make us want to turn around and go right back to those sunny beaches and the 82 degree temperature we'd left behind.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 3

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. AURORA CONFERENCE BREAKFAST

11:00 a.m. Choral Communion

7:00 p.m. Evening Praise

WEDNESDAY, Apr. 6

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

THURSDAY, Apr. 7

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Service

SEDER EUCHARIST

FRIDAY, April 8

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 10

EASTER DAY

8:00 a.m. Choral Communion

9:30 a.m. CHOIR BREAKFAST

11:00 a.m. Choral Communion

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Choral Communion

7:00 p.m. Evening Praise

Sunday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Praise

There is strength in gentleness--and there is gentleness in strength





COME TO A
PLANT PARTY
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1977
ST. JOHN'S PARISH ROOM
8 p.m.
REFRESHMENTS
COME AND BRING A FRIEND

S O C I A L S E R V I C E N I G H T

Tuesday, March 29, 8:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Winchester House - Girls 12-15 years

Church of the Good Samaritan - Elderly Men

BEVERLEY LODGE - half-way house for young men

Humewood House - Young women in need of counselling

Diocesan Centre Supply Room - Bales for the North

DOWNTOWN CHURCHWORKERS - Central City Core needy

Save the Children - world-wide care for children

A U C T I O N

Saturday, May 7, 1977

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Refreshments

Homebaking Flea Market

Small Furniture	Appliances (in working order)	Books	Playground items
Sporting Goods	Camping Equipment	Antiques	Lamps Dishes
Jewellery	Bicycles	Snowmobiles	Rugs Drapes Silverware Pots & Pans
Stationery	NO CLOTHES	Garden Supplies & Tools	Carpentry Tools

BULLETIN!

MONDAY

Study Group - 8 p.m.
Scouts - 7 p.m.
Rangers - 7 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Group (1st)
St. Helen Group (3rd)
St. Anne Group (4th)
PLANT PARTY - April 25

TUESDAY

Advisory Board (2nd)

WEDNESDAY

Girl Guides - 7 p.m.
Prayer 'n' Praise - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Weightwatchers - 7:30 p.m.
Friendly Corner - 1:30 p.m.
Brownies - 6:30 p.m.
Servers Guild

FRIDAY

Junior Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Senior Choir - 8:00 p.m.
Cubs - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Couples Club (last)

PALM SUNDAY - April 3

Aurora Conference Breakfast
9:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 7

Confirmation - 6:30 p.m.
Seder Eucharist - 7:00 p.m.
(All welcome - Freewill Offering)

GOOD FRIDAY - April 8

Morning Prayer - 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 10

Choir Breakfast - 9:30 a.m.
Choral Communion - 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, April 12, Parish Room
8:00 p.m.

PLANT PARTY - April 25

Monday, Parish Room, 8:00 p.m.
Come & bring a friend



DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
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