

He Is Risen . . . He Is Here



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Undying Life

Easter brings us the Risen Saviour. Christ is risen! Having died once for our sins, He dieth now no more. No more shall death have power over Him. Undying life is now His portion. Undying life, Christ's resurrection is the model of our own resurrection. As Christ rose from the dead by His own divine power, so we for whom He died and for whom He rose again, shall by His divine power be raised from the dead on the last day, never more to die. Undying life! Happy is the world in the undying life already manifested in the Risen Saviour. Happy is the world in the anticipation of undying life to be man's portion at the last day. Followers of Christ from the beginning have gloried in the certainty of the final resurrection. They have listened to the Church assuring them of the established act of the Risen Saviour's will, decreeing man's redemption shall be completed by the destruction of sin and death. By one man sin came into the world, and by death by the One Man shall sin be destroyed and its punishment, death, be brought to naught. Undying Life! Well may the world rejoice in the plenitude of salvation brought to it by the Son of God. The Risen Saviour has stood and still stands before men of each succeeding generation as the object of their loving worship, the cause of their joy, the lasting and unfulfilling promise to lead them through the world to eternal life. Undying Life! What joy this Easter day brings to the living! What joy it has brought to the many millions who have followed the Risen Saviour in life, who have been greeted by Him in death, and who await with blessed assurance the day of their own resurrection at His second coming! What a comfort for the bereaved to hear the faith of Christ sounding forth over the body as it is placed reverently and lovingly in its consecrated grave. "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, even though he be dead, shall live. And every one who liveth and believeth in Me, shall not die forever." Undying Life! It belongs by divine right to the Risen Christ. It belongs by the mercy and love of the Risen Christ to every one of His children.

Christ's Church

Holy Thursday gave to the Church of Christ His last great legacy of the Eternal Priesthood, His lasting gift of authority to teach, govern, sanctify, and save all men. Saving grace through the Sacraments given under the exercise of the power of Holy Orders: the deposit of faith to teach all men. Holy Scripture gives a clear picture of what Christ intended His Church to be. It was His means of enabling all men to share in the fruit of the Redemption. It was to be an external society, cared for and governed by men; by the twelve men whom He called to be Apostles, to whom He committed the power of being Other Christs even to the end of the world! "All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth; going, therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

Holy Orders Christ's Sacrament
The Apostles have handed down their powers as Bishops through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Only through the valid reception of the Sacrament could a man receive the powers Christ gave His first Bishops at the Last Supper. The Priesthood of Christ is eternal: no man can lose it, no man can give it up; "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech." The priestly powers of the great High Priest are in the world today. They have been in the world ever since the time of Christ. They belong to Christ's Bishops and priests as officials of His Church. The falling away into heresy or schism does not of itself affect the power to ordain or to consecrate. Willful turning away from the intention and the matter and form essential to the validity of Holy Orders, can and does nullify the sacrament. Persistence in such invalid pretence over several generations involves inevitable loss of all powers to consecrate or ordain. Pope Leo XIII gave the world the findings of Cardinal Gasquet's Commission for the study of Anglican orders. Clear evidence of the loss of episcopal powers was the basis of the report he made to the world on the subject.

The Great Return
Pope Pius XII includes in the intention for this Holy Year the Great Return. He would have all men share in the benefits of Christ's Church by returning to the bosom of the Holy Mother whom they left in themselves or in their forebears. He would have them share in the ministrations of the Holy Priesthood handed down from the Apostles in the valid conferring of Holy Orders. The Church is for all the children of Christ. The Priesthood is for all! We recommend Father Paul Rust's current treatise on Anglican Orders to all who would review Pope Leo's definitive pronouncement on the subject: Your Catholic book-stores can supply you with "THE FIRST OF THE PURITANS & THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER."

A Vain Errand
It was a vain errand that took the two Marys and Salome to Gethsemane early on the Sunday following the burial of Christ. They carried with them sweet spices and ointments; they intended to anoint the dead body of Christ. A vain errand! All their planning, all their solicitude, all their worry about who would roll back the very large stone that sealed the tomb—all were to come to naught. The stone was not only large, but it had been sealed by order of the enemies of Christ. It was fastened securely and sealed in place. There were Roman guards set to keep away all visitors. The three women faced a difficult task as they appeared in the Garden just as the sun was rising over the battlements of Jerusalem. All things seemed to obstruct their plans to embalm Christ. A vain errand! Vain not because of any series of petty obstacles: vain because there was no dead body of Christ in the tomb. No dead body of Christ away from the tomb. Christ is risen! He is living and needs no embalming! Death and the things of death no more have power over Him. How happily is a vain errand changed into a blessed errand! Three sorrowful women bent on anointing a dead Christ, are sent by the Angel of the Resurrection to bring the Apostles their first news of a Living Saviour, a Risen Christ! A vain errand to a closed tomb, becomes a most significant errand to an open tomb. A vain errand to close the career of a defeated Christ, becomes an errand to all the world to publish the unending career of the Risen Christ!

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

Last September there appeared an extremely important book on Socialism, John T. Flynn's "The Road Ahead." Without benefit of halcyon and with no boast from the Book Clubs the little volume (160 pages) made the list of Best Sellers. It worked its way up towards the top and remained high on the list for months. In December a special edition of printed copies became necessary. Mr. Flynn writes that in reading on Communism we must not take refuge in socialism. In his judgment Socialism is a vain evil with Communism in that respect. "The Road Ahead" reminds me of the opposition to "Socialism" on the part of Catholics after the appearance of the earliest Soviet Justice Ecclesial Rerum Novarum in 1891. In the early 1900's before Communism became the supreme menace Catholic spokesmen brought their hoarse voices to bear against Socialism. It more attention had been paid to them and to Pope Leo XIII's wisdom had been applied the hideous phenomenon of present day Communism.



and to my mind proves that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a powerful Protestant organization representing 25 denominations, over 140 congregations and 27 million members is a staunch promoter of Socialism and hence a dubious ally if an ally at all in the battle against Communism. But Mr. Flynn has been challenged by the general secretary of the Federal Council, Dr. Samuel McTear (avert. Rising to the challenge, in a pamphlet "John T. Flynn Replies," he makes good his accusation, not with rhetoric or rodomontade — as some of his critics allege — but with facts, names, quotations, precise references to books and periodicals. Anyone interested may procure a copy of the pamphlet free, or 20 for one dollar from John T. Flynn, 210 E. 43rd Street, New York.

Mr. Flynn enumerates thirteen presidents of the Federal Council and of that number he finds it possible to participate only three: the late Rev. Leighton C. Cummings, the late Rev. William Brewster, and the late Rev. William Brewster. Let us take one sample Bishop Oxnham. He is every reader knows a very anti-Communist. But he was concerned over a year ago with Mr. Flynn does not say never did so. Bishop Oxnham is of a rank of Bishop. He presents a challenge of even greater importance when Bishop Oxnham gave the prestige of his name.

FURTHERMORE, the bishop was on the advisory board of the Protestant when Mr. Flynn calls "the most outrageous and vicious Communist organ" he has ever seen. It specialized in "truth less screaming attacks" and "blatant propaganda of the critics of Russia." Bishop Oxnham explains that the Protestant was a Communist "shortly after" Mr. Flynn quietly remarks that the Bishop is listed as editorial adviser in the issue of May, 1940, and that he continued to be listed as such all through 1941 and 1942. Did Oxnham have to be "told" by some outsider the nature of a magazine of which he was editorial adviser for two and a half years? That is not all. In five of Bishop Oxnham's books Mr. Flynn found unmistakable expressions of admiration for the economy of Russian Communism. And says M. E. Flynn was Oxnham's "editorial adviser" in the "Russian Revolution" by the Soviet Union. "Revolution" by the Soviet Union. "The Kingdom of God."

To give but one more instance, Bishop Oxnham distributed free to his "fellow workers" in the division of Foreign Mission field of the Methodist Church, copies of "Behind Soviet Power" by Jerome Davis, an unrestrained rhapsody upon the achievements of Communist Russia. Mr. Flynn identifies Davis as a member of no less than 30 Communist fronts. Catholics who have been puzzled by the fact that a Communist and Socialist and also a Mason wish to see a powerful presentation of the thesis that "Socialism" is of one piece with Communism and hence no acceptable alternative to Communism, should read "The Road Ahead" and John T. Flynn Replies.

Flynn Exposes the Federal Council's List to Leeward

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuohy

Many people devote their lives to the debunking of trade unionism. Some of these enthusiasts are hatchet men like Westbrook Pegler. Others are more skillful and more scholarly and earn their living as professional economists. The professional economist of the Adam Smith school does not like trade unionism any more than Westbrook Pegler, but for a different reason than the Hearst journalist. The economist often claims that trade unions do not gain anything for the worker in the long run. Wages may increase, he argues, but so do prices. Whatever gains come to the worker are due, not to trade unionism, but to industrial efficiency and hence to management. The argument is that workers would obtain better living conditions without trade unionism if they only would be patient. THE NATIONAL Industrial Conference Board, a business research group, has recently come out with a report which gives the lie to the pet theory of one

Father Spent More To Live, Earned Less

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In 1914 the worker had to work more than 29 hours a week to supply his family with food. In 1948 he had to work only 12 hours for the same amount of food. This data abundantly proves that the modern worker is much better off than his father. But since the National Industrial Conference Board, in speaking of the 1948 worker, is referring to the factory worker mainly, it is also speaking of primarily of the trade union worker. THE ONE GROUP which has not benefited to the full from the recent improvement in the American standard of living is the white collar class. Office workers have not stood still but neither have they advanced in step with workers in manufacturing industries. As a result they have suffered somewhat from the increased cost of living. Nonetheless there is open to white collar workers the same means of self-improvement, organization and trade unionism.

Shadow of the Cross Falls on Hard Hearts

By Marie Weidman

Today's thinkers regard the blinding red agony of the Gentle Saviour as an interesting historical fact. The Almighty Father was pleased with His Son's sacrifice — to-day's men are totally indifferent to the sufferer whose blood, spilling on Calvary's crest, Marie Weidman brought forth red blossoms from that arid earth. A way down through the nineteen centuries Christ saw, not only man's hatred of Him, but what is far worse man's apathy to Him — an attitude far worse than the sub-human cries of the roused rabble that swirled about His bleeding figure that awful Spring Friday. CHRIST HAS so often confounded hatred, but this indifference is a peculiarly modern cancer masquerading under the best phrase "spirit of present day tolerance." As the social philosophers put it, in this age we feel so self-sufficient because we have let population, increased social security, vitamins and career diplomats. We shall all learn too late that the message of Golgotha matters most. Surely the ending chapter of modern man would never be silent if we remember the message of Christ on the Mount of Calvary, not merely kneeling, but standing on His knees in the only way that can any

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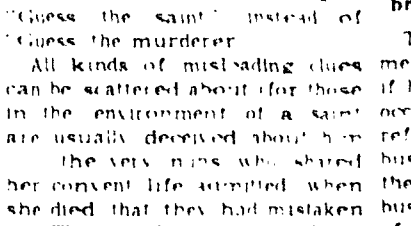
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THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer

An interesting effort has been made by Margaret Kennedy, the novelist, to create a plot in which each of the characters represents one of the capital sins. This presentation with the spiritual life on the part of the characters is a short time before our detective story writers set their plots to similar themes. Then we shall have mystery novels in which the reader is to be faced "Choose the sinner" instead of "Choose the murderer." All kinds of misleading clues can be scattered about for those in the environment of a saint are usually deceived about the very man who shared her convent life, and when she died that they had mistaken St. Theresa for a sweet faced mediocrity. But the reviews of Miss Kennedy's book make one thing very plain: each one of these villainous characters she has drawn is possessed of other sins besides the one, dominant passion he has been especially contrived and invented to represent to us. And that is exactly what was bound to happen if the characters were to be rounded and realistic and recognizable as human beings. For sins do not live on in us as free-lance, independent operators. Sins work in teams.



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THE REVIEWERS of the Kennedy novel complain that such and such a figure is clearly proud, but that he is also avicious, spiteful, bad-tempered, jealous, and which of these is the vice which the author has wished to represent? It would probably take a skillful confes-

Sins Are Not Singles Devils Come in Doves

By Gretta Palmer

A spiritually ambitious man — a professional at good work — would try to root out his temptations in spite of pride. But as for me I'm just a simple unassuming amateur. No need to get alarmed about this one weakness in my nature. And it is by that remark that we surrender the whole city of our souls to the enemy. For the single, fifth-consuming sin which we have welcomed and allowed to live on, as an accepted guest in us, is a mere forerunner of all the rest. The single vice now knows the gate we have left open for him, and he will pass on the word of it to all his friends, all Hell's brood. The man who says, "I'll be merely spiteful," this finds that if he is idle he has to find some occupation to fill his days. If he refuses to make the effort to busy himself on useful things, then mischief will keep him busy. He becomes a platoon out of sheer boredom and merely to pass the time of day, or he turns to self-love as a full-time occupation. Egotism was once defined by Oscar Wilde as "the beginning of a lifelong affair," and self-adoration can be a most fascinating way of whiling away the hours.

Every vice has a group of friends — a set, a coterie, a bunch of pals. Every sin is a gangster, who does not get far ahead of the rest of the "mob." And this is so evident a fact of moral theology that a novelist, attempting to avoid it and to write a kind of modern morality play, finds it impossible to portray a credible character in whom one single capital sin is personified. The capital sin is there, all right, but so are many of the rest.

A human being cannot delude himself with his eyes. He is off foot or his little finger away from God and stays in that position. He will find fault with what he has turned his whole back on Him. He will discover that his personality is an integer, a whole, and that if he is not clearly for God against himself, why, then he is against Him in every hidden corner of his soul.

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