

PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, December 2022



The Risk of Birth

This is no time for a child to be born,
With the earth betrayed by war & hate
And a comet slashing the sky to warn
That time runs out & the sun burns late.

That was no time for a child to be born,
In a land in the crushing grip of Rome;
Honor & truth were trampled to scorn—
Yet here did the Savior make His home.

When is the time for love to be born?
The inn is full on the planet earth,
And by a comet the sky is torn—
Yet Love still takes the risk of birth.

Madeleine L'Engle

As the world is still and quiet, and the shepherds and sheep gather around a manger in Bethlehem. Dean Beth and I wish that the love of the Christ child fills your hearts with the joy of the angels' song.

Canon Doug



May the blessing of joy abide within you; may the blessing of peace rest upon you; may the blessing of love flow out through you; may all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year.

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