



## “CELEBRATION!”

**By Mary Mayko**

The reasons for joy and celebrations are many.  
So we gather with love in times of need or plenty!  
Today we come in honor of a truly great Event!  
We celebrate the Christ Child, the Father has sent!

How we all need to pause and reflect, to be grateful  
For the blessings He gives and to be thankful!  
We realize His great love as we remember,  
The World celebrates His Birth every December!

Celebrations can lift the heart and renew our visions  
He enhances our lives, bringing wise decisions!  
What a blessing in our lives just to know,  
God takes great pleasure in making it so!

Come now! Celebrate our Savior’s Birth!  
Let your joy ring out all over the earth!  
Sing with the Holy Angels and Mankind this Day,  
For Christ our Savior has come to show us His Way!

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## “COME TO THE LIGHT”

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It was time for her baby to come  
and they need a place very soon!

Everywhere they went, they heard the words, “No room!”  
Finally one kindly man offered his stable out back.  
Thankfully they gathered some straw from a nearby haystack,

There in that humble place, the Light of the Word was born!  
No silken robes for this King just simple swaddling clothes was worn!  
The shepherds came with joy to share what the angels had to say.  
Wise men arrived, telling how the Star had led the way!

The Light of the World had come to open blind men’s eyes,  
To set men free and destroy the evil effects of Satan’s lies!  
Today they still say, “No room!” and they walk in the darkness of night,  
Not realizing the joy, peace and power of walking in His Light!

Do we think of our Lord and His great sacrifice when He came to Earth?  
Do we really understand the reason we celebrate His Birth?  
When we accept Him, there is no need to fear when our LORD sees us,  
For this Gift from the Father is our LORD and Savior, Christ Jesus!

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# **“GOD’S GIFTS”**

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“Fear not little flock”  
Jesus said unto them,  
They weren’t to worry, but trust in Him!  
He told us to seek His Kingdom first  
So we would not hunger or thirst!

Why do we complain  
and say such things as these,  
For suffering and rejection  
brings us to our knees!  
Fear and danger abounds on every side,  
It seems there is no safe place  
for us to hide!

But God’s Gifts are for us we can be sure,  
They’re here to help encourage and keep us pure!  
They give us knowledge and insight  
So we can really live and do what’s right!

So He tells us, fear not, little flock of Jesus!  
His Gifts within will be seen by all who know us!  
As His children we can so thankful be,  
And live in that Hope that our King we will see!

His provisions for us will always abound,  
But no greater Christmas Gift than Salvation can be found!  
From our Heavenly King whom we love and trust!  
The Kingdom of God, what a Gift to us!

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## **CHRIST IN THE CHRISTMAS TREE!**

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**THE STAR:** *A messenger proclaiming the Birth of Christ! Fulfillment of the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures. Num 24:17 Isa 9:6-7 Matt 2:1-2 Rev.22:16 The Bright and morning Star!*

**THE TREE:** *Christ was crucified on a Tree (Cross) Acts 5:30 The Cross of Jesus was the Place where all our sins were paid for!*

**THE BRANCHES:** *A "Branch out of Jesse" The Son of David. Branches go out in all Directions, to all people everywhere! There is always room under His "Branch!" Ps.91:1*

**LIGHTS:** *Jesus, the Light of the World. John 9:5 The many lights on the tree represents The light of Christ shining through His people!*

**ORNAMENTS:** *All the colors of the rainbow, which stands for God's mercy and His Promises. Gen 9:13-16 The Everlasting Covenant (Christ) attached to the Tree! Wisdom and instruction of the LORD. Prov. 1:7-9*

**ROPES/ GARLAND:** *The whips laid on the back of Jesus Christ for our healing. "By His stripes we were healed. 1 Pet 2:24*

**PRESENTS:** *Gifts under the tree. His Gift of Eternal Life for us. Love, Faith, Mercy, Forgiveness, through His Son! Gift of the Holy Spirit. Without His Presence, There would be NO Christmas!!!*

### **COLORS OF CHRISTMAS:**

**GREEN:** *Represents life, growth, and maturity. We live and grow as we are attached To Him! John 15:5 2 Cor.9:8-10 Rev.22:14*

**RED:** *Redemption through the Blood of Christ! Eph.1:7*

**WHITE:** *Righteousness, HIS, not ours! Phil 3:9*

**GOLD:** *Deity of Christ (Mercy seat of Gold) Exo.25:17 Crowns of gold for Victors! Rev.4:4 City of Gold. Rev.21:18*

**SILVER:** *Salvation for God's people. Zech 13:9*

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