



May His Light
shine

Come Holy Spirit
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"The LOVE of Christ
urges us on"
2 Cor 5:14a

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"Fear not, for behold I bring to you good tidings, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior which is Christ the LORD. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Lk 2:10-12

"Wait a minute! It's not X'mas any more!" Well, Precious Pilgrim there are 12 days of X'mas before the celebration of the Wisemen's going out + Epiphany season begins. Right? Besides, that's the only solo I still remember perfectly. It was thrilling to stand on the back row of my school's chorus + sing those words to the rafters. Being surrounded by all my fellow choristers gave me a sense of security. "Maybe no one will recognize who's singing." That thought gave me enough confidence to loudly proclaim those glorious angelic words.

But deep down inside, I always wanted to play Mary. "What?" "I wanted to be the star of the show." "What?" "Jesus was + is + always will be!" "I know, but still, Mary had that all important roll of getting to hold the Babe.

I didn't realize that at 61 I still hadn't relinquished that desire until last night. I was awakened from a deep sleep. The knowledge which surfaced was: "Lucy, you're indirectly featuring yourself in that Peanuts Nativity Collage you've made for the Dec. letter." (at night my heart instructs me Ps 16:7b) I realized that accusation was true! Horrified, I asked the LORD for forgiveness + resolved to call the Copy Center the next morning + have them pull out + destroy those pictures. - Slept again.

On awakening, by God's grace, I saw the situation in a lighter light. As a result I resolved: ① Instead of having a paper ripping session, what seemed less dramatic + more cost efficient was to hold off sending those pictures until your Jan. letter. Let the dust settle. Let the TRUE Christmas Story be featured without any comments from the "Peanut Gallery." ② (the all important one) = Getting on my knees

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