

Trinity News

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Epiphany I

The Road to Bethlehem and Back 'Home'.

The Wise Men who came to see Jesus at Bethlehem arrived on camels, with their baggage no doubt carried on the camels of their entourage. They came one way and went back another way. Robert Frost wrote many wonderful poems but he is best remembered for one of them. It speaks of the journey, and its decisions, and it doesn't waste a word.

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less travelled by,
and that has made all the difference.

Yesterday I travelled three hours on the western highway to see my sister Barbara in my home town. She was beautiful and vivacious when she was young. Now she is a recluse and a constant care for her husband. Sad, really. I got her to laugh with reminiscences and that cleared the grey clouds for a while. But the negatives reappeared. She had paid 150 dollars for a hair perm and it had fallen out in one day! Some people have a lot of problems! But she is still my favourite sister, though I don't tell my other sisters. I took the wrong road going there and was blocked by floodwaters, so I had to come back by the main road. Will you take "the road less travelled" this New Year? May Christ "lead you by the right road!"

Bishop Arthur Jones

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Diana Croyston, JPeter, Beryl Tanner, Douglas Tanner, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Cena Quiapos, Ron Jacob, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Jovel Llagas, Ted Whale, Ema Duhaylongsod, Emerinciana Gatela, Amy Gonzales, Carrie Angus, Augusto Natividad, Avelina Collado, Eric Williamson, Susan Dalmas, Sunny Cabanang, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Valerie Jones, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Richard Kendall, Johnny Manning Jr, Gloria Domingo, Fr. Barry Cumberland, Gloria Katsi Araneta, Emilie Nauntofte, Marian Kermanshahchi, Rosaline Soulsby, Divinagracia Benitez, Les Vye-Parminter, Wilson Teh, Rey del Rosario, Jose Songco, Gitte Volk, Cecile Gutierrez.