

David + Mary: -

If you want to keep the Church calendar pure -

this is the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

If you want to ~~submit~~ to the Cultural pressure of mass

media ~~press~~ This is Christmas Sunday.

Or ~~just~~ you ^{can} try to do both - like we can

Use the Advent week to prepare churchy
sermon: search the advent readings for a word to
the Christmas season

There is probably something not entirely worthy about
searching for a word to the Christmas season -

It is true enough there is a lot of dissonance to the season
for a lot of people.

* in its media form - no honest + honest

knowledge that there is no way anything is going to go right.

kind of thing - attempts are made to cheer us out of

" -> relief efforts - find out that just about

everyone is having the same problems

* Use some form: ^{in fact} superficial cheer - inappropriate - so much
+ generosity -> cracks. Faith - is other

More ~~likelihood~~ around -> ^{humility - get to the bottom} ^{humility - daily work}

* Most serious form: look around at the state of the world.

high percentage of people of the world suffering

has much of that: victimization - of some by rest of us

... the suffering - ~~rest~~ of the earth & a few

- stewardship of the earth & of us

good goes by mostly - names,

Don't have the satisfaction of finger-pointing.

all involved.

that's the cure

Given such a state

if all we are complaining about is that
someone is spoiling our party —

The proper word to us may be — Call off the party.
It's quite within reason that we don't have a
party coming to us.

There is more promise to searching for the word
in the Christmas season

the word in the events which gave rise to the
party — word behind the changes in
what gave the } — the pagan parties that celebrated the
"winter season" } days & years of the Sun — started at the year

in History of Christian Europe added to the Northern

Nativity Stories & Bible — 12th — Synopses Celtic Poets
Winter seasons — Dec 25

light — Christmas tree + Holly & Ivy

Proper enough to brook parties —> Now Proper
} aware of what they are for
} what they are meant to do

Persons — will divine & desire to know this
lost faith with you

The same
Lubo

Our part over our spoiled party may be due to the
fact that we have been looking forward to the very thing

This season celebrates the coming away as a season

The word we need is the word of a savior come

The word to our world about a savior come may
be that as looking in the wrong place for the savior

By the Time the newfound traditions about Jesus
were written down by the Gospel writers. The significance
of the life & teaching of Jesus was seen as connecting with
the lineage of David and a Promise to that King

Somewhere in the history of Israel is written
with the meaning of its existence a promise a grasp within
Israel came to believe that he knew one lineage
of David was promised that it would be kept what
could that promise would come ^{old} who would make
it real and for ever & ever -

The early Church took it that Christ was
the Real heir of Jesus -

- what was promised that - not because David
or His Member of his line - all admirably
specimens - or that his descendants only represented

Saving work of that - broken human material

Luke presents his Nativity Stories:

Style & Sound - Maternal -

Birth & Name of John Baptist

Gift of angel Gabriel to Mary

Finds famous greeting.

Puzzlement - how it can be so

So be it

Examples
+
Broken

Mary → Why did you leave us [?]
 → take him away → ?

God saves → human - frail instrument
 not perfect.

Mighty Acts of God

Power to Save

Hidden in Historic
 events and

interpretations of them

That need re-interpretation.

If we find David & Mary real enough
 and ~~even~~ the interpretation of their significance
 real enough → find the savior they
 witness to Real → That there can
 be Good News to the world of Pain & Strife.

The word to our world about a savior
 may be that we're looking in the wrong place
 for the savior.

The reason our path gets spoiled is that we are
 looking forward to the wrong Party.

Hear for a moment how some English folk &
 by accident celebrated the rising of the Sun and
 the coming of a Savior. Is there here
 any awareness and an understanding for all
 an earthiness and a brokenness.

In The Carol

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY —

Heaven for the elements that have been mixed;
 so that we can sing us a song about
 our world and its salvation

Chorus:

The Rising of the Sun
 And the running of the Deer
 The playing of the merry organ
 Sweet singing in the Choir —

Traditional.

THE holly and the ivy,
 When they are both full grown,
 Of all the trees that are in the wood,
 The holly bears the crown:

*The rising of the sun
 And the running of the deer,
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 Sweet singing in the choir.*

2 The holly bears a blossom,
 As white as the lily flower,
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
 To be our sweet Saviour:

3 The holly bears a berry,
 As red as any blood,
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 To do poor sinners good:

4 The holly bears a prickly,
 As sharp as any thorn,
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 On Christmas day in the morn:

5 The holly bears a bark,
 As bitter as any gall,
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 For to redeem us all:

6 The holly and the ivy,
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Trad.

King

needs for a new
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