

ANOTHER "SILENT NNIGHT: HOLY NIGHT"

PASSAGES ANY OF US CAN POSSIBLY TRAVEL AND CAME BACK TO REPORT THAT ALL IS WELL. THAT IS WHY HIS DISCIPLES BEGAN TO SHOUT: "HE HATH DELIVERED US FROM DARKNESS, AND HATH TRANSLATED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON:" "HE HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT:" YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY: WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT, NOR OF DARKNESS."

THIS HOLY NIGHT WE LEARN AGAIN, THAT THE LOVE OF GOD IS ALIVE IN THE DARKNESS AS WE RETURN TO THAT LITTLE ROOM AND SHARE THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD. THE BREAD AND THE CUP BRING TO US THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS SO THAT OUR LIFE AND OUR DEATH MAY BE ENFOLDED IN HIS LOVE AND FLOODED WITH THE LIGHT ETERNAL. IN THE SILENCE WE WHISPER WITH THE PSALMIST "IF I SAY, SURELY THE DARKNESS SHALL COVER ME: EVEN THE NIGHT SHALL BE LIGHT ABOUT ME. YEA, THE DARKNESS HIDETH NOT FROM THEE: BUT THE NIGHT SHINETH AS THE DAY: THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT ARE BOTH ALIKE TO THEE." AND AS WE GO OUT INTO OUR WORLD AGAIN MAY WE KNOW ^{WHAT} THE APOSTLE MEANT WHEN HE WROTE: "IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS in the light, we have fellowship one with another, AND THE ^{blood} OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANETH US from ALL SIN," AND WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SAID: "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED: NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID."

