

God ; "Come out of her, my people, lest ye be partakers of her sins and of her condemnation !" And to that Voice there was, for him, but one answer possible — obedience, instant and complete ; submission to the One Church of the One Lord.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph : he has found them, all three, in that fair City of God wherein they dwell with men. So may they find them who have sought so long, those, most of all, who are grieved at heart by "sacrileges" and "desertations" for which those with whom they are now "in communion" are proud to be responsible. God grant to them to find, in His Household, Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar, Mary, Joseph and all our "fellow-citizens," the saints ; to find, in these three names, not only all their "Christmas joys," but joy, peace and consolation all the days of their lives.

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MARY'S CHRISTMAS.

I

Dark is the chilly hour and late ;
Poor is the place wherein I wait ;
Only the kine divinely wise,
Watch me with meek, adoring eyes.

II

Yet joy that the angels may not know,
Warms my heart with its wondrous glow,
For now in His living flesh I see
God's holy promise unto me.

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