

## **The Wait is over**

### **Christmas 2019**

It seems, at times, that we wait for everything. We line up to do this or that. We wait for doctors, lawyers, and all other services. It seems we spend all our time waiting for something to happen or to get some kind of service. Some are comfortable waiting, others find waiting long and interminable.

In another way, mothers wait for the birth of their child. For some the time is not long and there are few if any problems or discomfort. Other mothers seem to have a very hard time during this time and suffer tremendously waiting for their child to be born. This is a time of uncertainty with many factors coming into play. Will it continue to a normal birth or will something unforeseen happen?

During this season of Advent, we have been waiting to celebrate, once again the birth of our Saviour. We have been busy making preparations and getting ready for our own celebrations. Some dread the season and wish it were over soon. Others love the season and never want it to end. As Christians, have also been waiting for the time when we can celebrate one of the most remarkable births of all time. It is remarkable because the Son of God became man to live among us. It was most unremarkable at the time since it was simply the birth of another child to a poor oppressed family at a time of great distress for the people.

We, as God's people, continue to wait for the return of our Saviour. He promised us return and for more than 2000 years we have been waiting for the completion of this promise. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God each time we pray the "Our Father". There are times when we wonder when we will finally awake and all will be well. No more waiting, no more oppression, no more uncertainty, no more disappointment. The kingdom of God fully realized for all.

This feast challenges us to have hope. Look at the good. See the remarkable miracles that occur every day for each of us. Christ has come and will come again. The Holy Spirit is among us helping, healing, strengthening and guiding us. We have the Good News! We have Faith. We have Hope in the constant love of our God.

The wait is over, We now expect the fulfillment of the promises of God. We have a way to eternal life. "For unto to us a child has been born! He is Christ the Lord!"

***Merry Christmas!***

***Bishop Robert O. Bourgon***

***Diocese of Hearst Moosonee***