

IT TAKES TIME A Reflection **(for 3 readers and congregation)**

1. It's hard to find Christ at Christmas.
2. There's so much frantic bustle...
searching for presents.... parties...
special outings.... Christmas baking ...
Christmas cards. . .
Christmas presents...

3. Everybody hurries ... bustles. . . is
too busy.
2. Everybody rushing, rushing ... filling
in the frantic minutes.

1. It's hard to find Christ at Christmas

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3. The crowds are enormous.. the
buses jammed ... the trains are hot and
full and sticky ... the shops are full of
glitter and trimmings. . . the loud
speakers blare out their Christmas
carols ...

1. But it is hard to find Christ Christmas

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2. the streets are full of baubles and
stars ... the walls are plastered with
snow scenes --- flashy
streamers ... coloured lights.

3. Father Christmas nods and blinks

2. Lights flash on ... lights flash off

1. Yes, it is hard to find Christ at
Christmas.

3. For Christ has been buried by
Christmas.

How can we find him? How can we find
anew the meaning of Christmas? How
can we strip aside the useless junk of
the commercial world?

Reader: Matthew 2:1-10 (From Bible)

1. Where is the child born to be king of
the Jews? Search for this child with
utmost care.

2. Herod sent searchers at Christmas

time. The shepherds went searching
for the Christmas child.

3. A party of astrologers searching,
searching, searching. Where is the
child born to be king of the Jews?

1. Wise men, they called them ...
earnest astrologers . . . watching for
the meaning of the moving stars.

2. Science or fancy .; learned or
laughable ... theirs was a vision that
was brought to pass.

All: Sing, you wise men. 'Dance, all
you scientists...Whether your theories
are false or true ...

3. God uses knowledge ... God uses
ignorance ...

1. God on his birthday has need of
you.

2. God on his birthday has need of
you.

All: God on his birthday has need of
you.

1. It's hard to find Christ at Christmas .
. . It takes time

All: Time away from the bustle and the
noise ... Time away from the carols
and the horns ... Time away from the
busy preparations . . .

2. Time to seek Jesus ...

3. Time to seek his Spirit

All: Time to find the meaning of
Christmas.