

**Jesus, you are the Word. You are with God and
you are God. You were in the beginning with
God and all things came into being through you
. In you is life and this life is the light of all
people. The darkness cannot overcome your
light. At your name, Jesus, I bend my knee this
day and confess with my tongue that you are
Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Inhabiting The Story

- Christmas -





***“There is no greater grace
than what has now shone
upon us from God: the only
Son of God has become the
Son of Man, making sons
and daughters of men,
[into] sons and daughters
of God”***

Christmas is the enfleshment of God, the humiliation of the Most High and divine participation in all that is painful, ugly, frustrating, and limited. Divinity takes on humanity, to restore the image of God implanted at creation but sullied by sin. Here is the great exchange Christmas ponders, that God became like us that we might become like God. God accepted death that the world might accept life. The Creator assumed temporality to redeem creation from futility.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

admirabile commercium:

***O wonderful gift:
the creator of the human race,
taking our flesh upon him,
deigns to be born of a virgin; and,
coming forth without seed of man,
bestows his Divinity upon us.***

Ely Cathedral





**Henry Styleman Le
Strange, and Thomas
Gambier Parry, 1858
to 1862**



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Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:6-11

**In this new year, O Lord, bless me and
keep me, along with those I love; make
your face to shine upon us and be gracious
to us; lift up your countenance upon us
and give us peace; we ask this in your
name. Amen.**