

Birth of the lord - CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
25th of December 2022 - Cycle A



CAME TO STAY



SETTING

Christmas, fulfilled the promise of hope and love. God is born in Bethlehem. The crib is in your heart and in my heart. God, who becomes man in Jesus, welcomes and gives birth to life. Let joy and light inhabit us, in our eyes, in the close look; in words, which are hope for all; in our hands that lift and encourage; in our steps that approach the most vulnerable, those who need it most; and in our hearts where the best wishes are forged.

We adore the child of Bethlehem; we welcome all the children who are born in adverse situations, in Ukraine and in many places where there is conflict, where there is no equality and justice. Let us adore the life that comes to heal, to alleviate, to rise up, and to walk in hope towards that world that we all dream of, more human. Christmas is Word.

SONG. Hark the angels herald sing (Diane houdek)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqooC4ZG75Y>

GOSPEL – John 1, 1-1

"In the beginning there was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. She was in the beginning with God. Everything was done through her and without her nothing was made that exists. In her was life and life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man, sent by God: his name was John. He came for a testimony, to bear witness of the light, to that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but the one who should bear witness to the light. The Word was the true light that illuminates every man who comes into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world did not know her. She came to her house, and her own did not receive her. But to all who received her, she gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in her name; she was not born of blood nor of the desire of man, but was born of God, and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we have beheld his glory. A, glory that he receives from the Father as the only Son, full of grace and truth. John bears witness to him and cries: "This was the one I said about: He who comes after me has stood before me, because he existed before me." For of his fullness we have all received and grace for grace. Because the Law was given through Moses; Grace and truth have come to us through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God: the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has counted."

We deepen in the gospel

In the beginning there was the WORD. What Saint John tells us here is capital: the entire Creation is the fruit of the dialogue of love between the Father and the Son.

The vocation of humanity, of Adam, according to Genesis, is to live a perfect dialogue of love with the Father. But human history, unfor-

tunately, shows the opposite. The account of the fall of Adam and Eve, in the second chapter of Genesis, tells us in its own way:

Understand that the dialogue broke down. That is right, the man and the woman distrusted God. They suspected that God had bad intentions regarding them. The opposite of the dialogue of love! We all know something about that: when suspicion crosses our relationships, dialogue is poisoned. And in our personal life, the history of our relationship with God could be represented in the same way: As soon as we are turned towards Him, as we turn our backs on Him. It is necessary that we turn around towards Him **and thus our dialogue can be resumed**

"Turn around", this is the meaning of the word "conversion" Christ, perfectly lives that dialogue without shadows with the Father and his only objective is that all humanity can enter into that dialogue of love. "Those who believe in his name" are those who have confidence in him and who follow him. "May they all be One as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn: 17:21). "The opposite of sin is not virtue; the opposite of sin is faith."

To "believe" is to have confidence in the Father, to always know, whatever happens, **God is kind. Never suspect God. Never doubt God's love for us and for the world... and of course, look at the world with his eyes.**

Imaginative Contemplation

- Read slowly the text; remember the words that are inspiring you.
- Contemplate in silence what we celebrate and what it invites you to.
- Make a gesture of kindness.

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Música Navideña Instrumental

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzbdnzjX57A>

**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE-
LIGHT THAT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS**

MAN MADE FOR LOVE

The ends of the earth have
beheld
The salvation of our God.
The one who becomes a man
for love has been born.
The God of Love who has a
dream,
The happiness of each one,
Showing the best way
And he does it in his Son Je-
sus.
Many times
And in many ways,
God continues to speak to us
today.
God speaks to us
In each life that is born,
Where you can be wel-
comed.
God speaks to us
Through each person,
In which you can bring light.
God speaks to us
In what he suffers;
In which you can be relief.
God speaks to us
In sickness,

In which you can make
sense.
God speaks to us
In the battered woman,
In the abused minor, in
In any truncated life form;
Among which you can bring
dignity.
God speaks to us
Through the old man,
Through the lives delivered;
In which you can bring ten-
derness.
Christmas is a Word,
That materializes in visible
gestures.
Sing, shout and rejoice.
Christmas
It is the human word of God.
Christmas will always be
When you welcome, allow,
dream,
When you proclaim that life
is possible,
And for all dignified, fair.
Let us make Christmas
Our life style.

SONG. Silent night - Christmas carol

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEH7_2c644Q



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