



1st Sunday After Christmas



The Word Became Human

John 1:1-14

Introduction

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In the beginning the Word already existed.

*The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

He existed in the beginning with God.

*God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.*

*The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.*

*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

*So the Word became human
and made his home among us.*

Application

- Call to Wonder
- 25th - A Celebration of the birth of Christ
- Yesterday - St. Stephen's Day
 - A witness who willingly died for Christ
- Today - St. John the Evangelist Day
 - A witness who was willing, but did not die for Christ
- Tomorrow - The Slaughter of the Innocents
 - Witnesses where were not willing, yet died for Christ

Kenosis *Luci Shaw*

In sleep his infant mouth works in and out.
He is so new, his silk skin has not yet
been roughed by plane and wooden beam
nor, so far, has he had to deal with human doubt.

He is in a dream of nipple found,
of blue-white milk, of curving skin
and, pulsing in his ear, the inner throb
of a warm heart's repeated sound.

His only memories float from fluid space.
So new he has not pounded nails, hung a door
broken bread, felt rebuff, bent to the lash,
wept for the sad heart of the human race.

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. Amen.

Responsive Prayer