

## December 25 – Christmas Day

### **John 1:1-5 (NRSV)**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being<sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

### ***Story of the Word***

Today is the day that we've been anticipating! Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. God incarnate: embodied in flesh and human form. Our scripture today comes from the Gospel of John and the writer's message is an important one. Since our creation, God has been with us. Through God, all things came into being. Though there are moments when darkness seems all consuming, God's Word is life and the light for all. No matter what happens in the world, God is with us and God's light cannot be extinguished.

On this day, also we remember the way God's Word and light penetrated the world. Through Jesus, the Word of God en-fleshed, we have been shown the radical love of God. But the incarnation of God in the world didn't stop with Jesus. Through Jesus' life and teachings we are called, transformed, and sent into the world to proclaim the Good News. Our lives, as followers of Christ, become the embodiment of Christ in the world. So this Christmas Day, how can God's penetrating light and message of love and hope be spread through you into the darkness?

~ Justin Snyder