



Based on the gospel for Sunday 3 January – John 1:1-18

“What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.”

We start the year with perhaps the most beautiful passage ever written. With the year's beginnings, we think, too, of our beginnings.

John 1 offers us an alternative creation story. All things came into being through the Word. This process of creation is ongoing; everything that has life is part of the creative work of the second Person in the Trinity.

Our God is not a distant God, nor is God abstract. God “became flesh and lived among us.” In doing this, God has given us an example which we can imitate.

Of course, it is important to remember that we are not actually God but, through grace, we can participate in God's creative work.

We are a part of God's creation, and – as with every other person, animal, plant and being -- we have our beginnings in God.

How does this knowledge affect the way that we see the world and live our lives? How does it lead us to care for others and for the world that we live in?

Let us start the year with joy. Let us rejoice in thanksgiving for all that is, for it has all come from Christ who is our light and our life.

Lord Jesus, Living Word,
help us to walk in your footsteps and be guided by your light.
Grant that we may ever more clearly see your presence reflected in all of Creation.
Through our words and actions may we make your light shine brightly on earth.
Amen.



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