

John 1:1-14

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men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He

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himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to

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that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but

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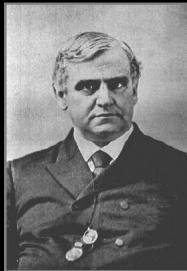
born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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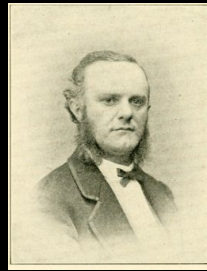
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

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Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.



**Phillip Brooks
1835-1893**



Louis H. Redner

The Place

**Little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

Micah 5:2

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among
the clans of Judah, out of you
will come for me one who will
be ruler over Israel, whose
origins are from of old, from
ancient times.”**

**Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light**

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darkness, but the darkness
has not understood it.**

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Birth of Christ

**For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
Morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.**

Invitation

**How silently, oh how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.**

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Prayer of Acceptance

**Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel**

John 14:2

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Have we prepared a room for Him?

O Little Town of Bethlehem

v1 Light shines in darkness
v2 Angels protect and bring good news
v3 Christ enters earth
v4 Christ takes residence in our heart

Where is there room in your heart for Jesus?

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