

The Word Took Flesh and Dwells Among Us!

Today we celebrate with joy the birth of Christ- Christmas. This is a celebration of the great mystery of our faith. The mystery of incarnation, God coming to become one with us so that we could become one with God. It is the celebration of the great love God has for us from creation. The mystery of Christmas is the greatest event of humanity. Little wonder that the years of history are calculated either before or after the birth of Christ- BC & AD.

Christmas invites us to welcome and recognize with joy the presence of God in our lives. He is Emmanuel- God is with us. God's presence reminds us always of the great love through which He created us and invites us always to be with Him. The word spoken through the patriarchs and prophets is now dwelling with us as John describes in the prologue of today's gospel. It is a presence that boosts our confidence and endurance amidst the storms of life. The joy of this season has to be grounded on the acceptance of God's gift of Himself to us and His ever-dwelling presence among us.

While wishing each other merry and joyful Christmas, we become the instruments of joy as Prophet Isaiah describes in the first reading, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news..." Let us continue to live and share this joy through a life of gratitude, generosity, and recognition of God's presence through prayer as St. Paul reminds us, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:16). Amen.

Blessed Cyprain Iwene Tansi- Pray for us!