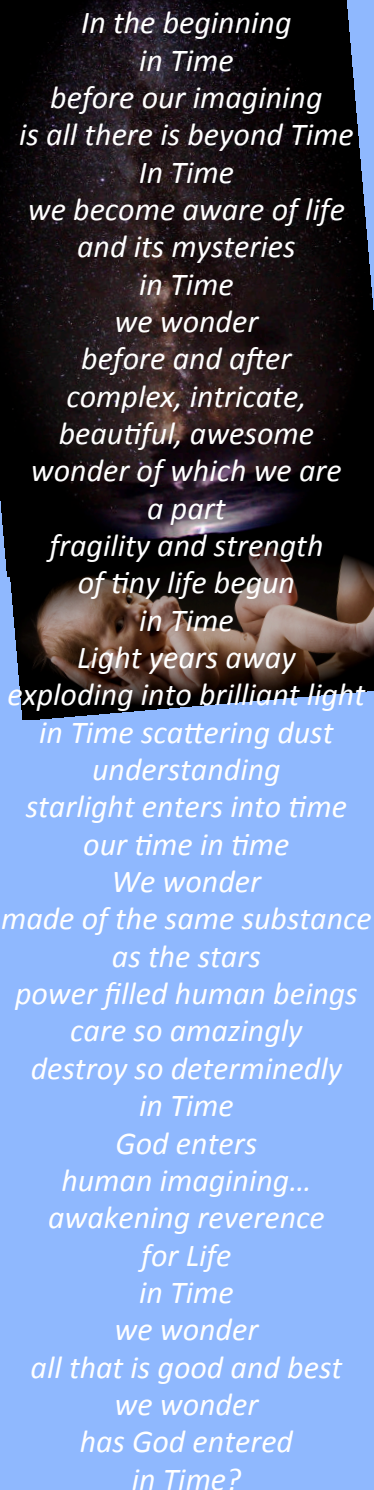


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GOD IN TIME...

IN THE BEGINNING GOD... IN TIME BECAME ONE WITH US



*In the beginning
in Time
before our imagining
is all there is beyond Time
In Time
we become aware of life
and its mysteries
in Time
we wonder
before and after
complex, intricate,
beautiful, awesome
wonder of which we are
a part
fragility and strength
of tiny life begun
in Time
Light years away
exploding into brilliant light
in Time scattering dust
understanding
starlight enters into time
our time in time
We wonder
made of the same substance
as the stars
power filled human beings
care so amazingly
destroy so determinedly
in Time
God enters
human imagining...
awakening reverence
for Life
in Time
we wonder
all that is good and best
we wonder
has God entered
in Time?*

The awareness that every creature, plant, animal, every human being is made of the same elements as the stars has been known in science for a long time. Yet, it takes a while for such knowledge to filter through to the rest of us, and even longer for us to muse and wonder at the implications for our lives.

Several years ago Father Denis Edwards published *Made from Stardust*. It's more than a romantic notion; it's more than star-gazing. For Fr Denis it has shaped his passion of environmental care, and a deep theology expressing a profound sense of the responsibility and capacity of people to both encounter and express all that is holy - good, divinely good - in how we choose to live. He invites us to see the connection of the whole cosmos with our selves, and at the same time to discover how precious we are.

Frederick Green wrote a Christmas song with the words "God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan..." inviting us to discover that it is through our self-conscious awareness of time and place and history that we begin to understand God amongst us, God within us, God for us, and our interconnection with each other and all creation.

This Christmas as you put the star on the Christmas tree or look into the night sky - **pause** - remember that light years ago a story of Life began, and in Time we began to comprehend the Hope, Love and Joy and Peace for all on earth was given human birth.

Rosemary Carter
on behalf of the Ministry Team

✧ **Wishing you and your family a
happy and holy Christmas ✧**
- **Alanee, Alison, Belinda, Greg & Rosemary**

What is Happening at GWUC this Advent ...

* Join with us this Christmas time *

December 13 & 14

Christmas Alight at 4pm Child Born in Shed Saves the World

December 16

Christmas Alight Services at 9.15am & 4.30pm

December 23

Worship Service at 10am

Christmas Carols on Kingsway at 7.30pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Family Worship at 7pm

Worship at 11pm

December 25 – Christmas Day

Worship at 8.30am & 10am

December 30

Worship at 10am

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