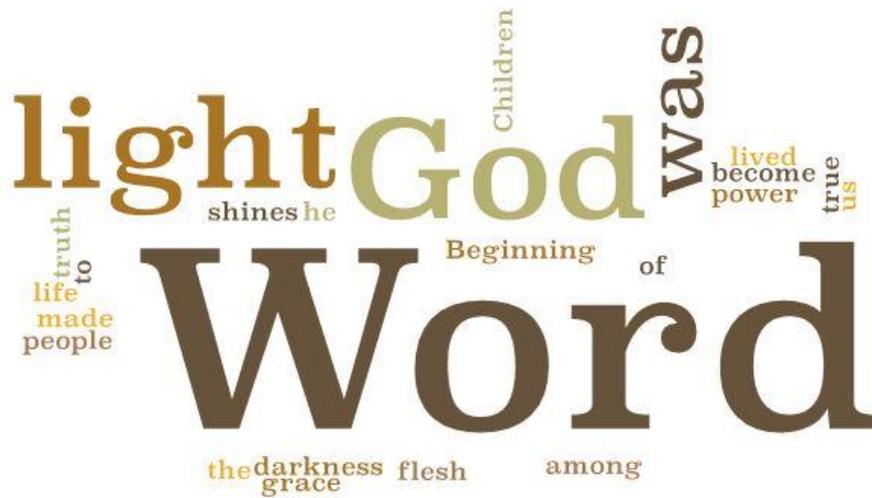


This Sunday the scripture readings invite us to celebrate Christ, the incarnate wisdom of God who came into our world and dwelt amongst us.



The beginning of John’s Gospel does not start with infancy narratives, but with the powerful message of the Incarnation. God became a human being in the person of Jesus. He entered our world and ‘we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.



The first reading comes from the book of Wisdom. It speaks to us of the wisdom of God having pitched her tent among God’s chosen people. Readings from the book of Wisdom are always uplifting and this is no exception:

*‘Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
She opens her mouth in the Assembly of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.’*

The second reading reminds us that we have been chosen by God since the beginning of time to be holy, to live through love in God’s presence and to become God’s adopted sons and daughters through Jesus. St Paul then continues to speak to the Ephesians reminding them that he has never failed to remember them in his prayers and to thank God for them. Do we remember to pray for those who show faith and love to others? Do we remember to thank God for the people who love us and are kind to us?

Paul prays a blessing, not only over the people of Ephesus, but on each one of us. This prayer is one that we can recite in the dark days that we may be facing in the coming weeks:

*“May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.”*



May we come to an ever deeper understanding of the Incarnation.

May we always pray for the gift of Wisdom.

May we appreciate Jesus as the Light of the World.

So let us ask our Incarnate God to be with us, bringing us home in his light, especially from the darkness of Covid-19.



*Starlight, star bright  
Lead us on through the darkness.  
Starlight we share you tonight  
Bring us home in your light.*

