

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Today, I have done
something new*



**«No one
has seen God,
except
the
only-begotten
Son,
Jesus Christ,
who
revealed
him.»**

From the Liturgy
of the Christmas Day.

He is born! He is born in the flesh, in history, in the world, in time, in finiteness, in our today..... God took on a body. The Lord of lords, the God of hosts, the merciful One, the Holy One, the unpronounceable One, the infinite One has become flesh.

This overwhelming novelty completely changed our sense of time and history.

This disarming novelty opened up our fragile humanity to new and possible fullness.

God has done new things for the world. He gave of himself in a human body.

He entered into time to be the God of history—the present time close to us.

The Word became flesh so that God could be reachable, so that his countenance could be known, so that no distance would exist between the creature and the Creator, so that his holy Name could be pronounced and possessed by the hearts of those who hope in him.

God became man, so that each person could discover the 'infinite' within themselves!

There is no turning back. The traces of this ever-new event are not found in the ancient past.... What has happened happens! The event is happening now, in our own history!

Today, God continues to make something new. He enters into the most ordinary events of our life, into our most uncomfortable situations, and into the most fulfilling ones.

He becomes flesh and makes us new creations. He brings to life the intense fragrance of the resurrection.

He is Emmanuel! No longer the unpronounceable One, but the God who is close to us in every circumstance.

MY ACTION FOR TODAY

Bring light into the daily experiences of fear and solitude of those near us who are going through a sense of being blocked or are lacking in trust. Carry peace, and be women and men of peace; be its builders, creative “manufacturers” and tireless inventors. Bring light and peace so that new life will blow among us. Bring peace and light so that the seed of goodness in each person’s life may spring forth even in those numberless conditions of death. God has become flesh. He who is the light wants to become light for the world through us.

A BLESSING PRAYER

*Blessed are you, Father, because in Jesus Christ your Son—born for us
of a woman, born in the flesh, made fragile like every other creature—
you revealed to humanity the fulfillment of a new meaning,
a new destiny and new fullness.*