

A CHILD IS BORN TO US ...



We welcome you with joy, Almighty Lord of heaven and earth, who out of love became a Child *"in Judea, in the city of David, which is called Bethlehem"*.

We welcome you with gratitude, new Light rising in the night of the world.

We welcome you as our brother, the *"Prince of Peace"*, who *"made of the two one people"*.

Fill us with your gifts, you who did not hesitate to begin human life like us.

Make us children of God, you who for our sake desired to become a son of.

You, *"Wonder-Counsellor"*, sure promise of peace;

you, powerful presence of the *"God-Hero"*;

you, our one God, who lie poor and humble in the dim light of the stable, welcome us around your crib.

Come, peoples of the earth, open to him the doors of your history!

Come to worship the Son of the Virgin Mary, who descended among us, on this night prepared for down the centuries.

Night of joy and peace.

Venite, adoremus!

John Paul II