

## **TWO CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS**

### **DONAL O'LEARY - GOD WAS DELIGHTED TO BECOME HUMAN.**



Like parents' love creates the baby, God's love too overflowed into a baby 2000 years ago. Like parents, too, God was delighted with us, and God is still delighted with us now. God became human so as to reveal an unconditional love for us. Nothing can stop God loving us always. No matter what, there is nothing we can do to make God love us one bit more, or one bit less.

God wanted to become human...so as to reach us, heal us, love us in that human form. (1 John: 1,1). When we look at the baby Jesus in the crib at Christmas these are some of the astonishing feelings that perhaps might healthily flood our hearts!

**When God became human in Jesus, God became human in all people and in all creation.**

Grace is everywhere. The great divide between the sacred and the secular is now over. To live is holy... We are now called to see the face of Christ in every face, the heart of God in every heart. Since the Incarnation, the ordinary has become extraordinary. God's love lies shimmering beneath everything that happens to us each day - in all our experiences.

Daniel O'Leary (1937-2019) - The Beloved Body of a God 'who so loved the world'

*As we celebrate the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation, can I simply spend some time today allowing God to delight in me?*

# JOYCE RUPP – CHRIST IS PRESENT HERE

Like the shepherds drawn to visit the newly born Christ, we have been led to rediscover how this Divine Love is birthed in us and one another.

*We need only look into the eyes of another human being to sense the deeper connection we have. We see that Christ lives on in each of us.*

*Every person of loving presence is a sanctuary lamp assuring our world:*

***Christ is present here.***



Sister Joyce Rupp, OSM

*What will we do now as we proceed forward?  
Will we remember Christ is born in our world today  
through our love?*

*Will we be unafraid to share this rich treasure?  
Will we allow our inner light to comfort and guide us  
when we experience our own darkness?  
Will we be a beacon of hope and a lantern of love to a  
world weary with injustice and hostility?*

***Pause, close your eyes; go deep within yourself to where the radiant  
light of divinity dwells;***

*Greet Christ's presence in the form of this gentle yet strong radiance;  
be aware of how these light surrounds and enfolds your entire being;  
rest for a while in this radiance of God;  
ask for the grace to share this great love as fully as you can;*

***Express your gratitude for the profound gift of being a temple of  
Divine Love.***