

The Waiting Is Over

The waiting is over. The birthday of our Lord has arrived. Amid the carols, the presents, the eating, and, this year, the isolation of shutdown, what does Christmas mean?

We can enter into our own reflections but perhaps we should simply turn in awe to the word of God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of the human race. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only begotten son, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1: 1-5, 14)

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord. (Lk. 2: 11)

Christmas has always been, and will always be, Christmas, regardless of the circumstances. Jesus, our Saviour, came into the world 'full of grace and truth'...and we simply rejoice as in the words of the Nativity Carol:

For a child is born, the world rejoices!
Shepherds and angels proclaim his birth.
This is Jesus the Lord, our Saviour and brother,
Bearing God's peace to the earth.

- Francis Patrick O'Brien