

## Reading: John 1

In the beginning,  
before anything existed,  
God spoke forth the Word.  
That Word, God's Wisdom,  
was at play in the presence of our God.  
Indeed, the Word was God.

From the very beginning,  
the Word dwelt in the heart of God.  
All creation came alive through the Word,  
apart from whom not a thing came to be  
of all the things which are.

In the Word was life itself,  
and this life was a light for all.  
This light still blazes  
in the midst of every night,  
and the night has never overcome it.

The Word,  
the one unquenchable light,  
enlightening everyone born into this world,  
made its home in our world.  
And to all who receive that Word,  
to all of them,  
is given the power  
to become the very children of God.

From this life,  
abundant and overflowing,  
we have, each of us, received,  
one gift after another.