

St. James Worship Service



2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026

Serving Today

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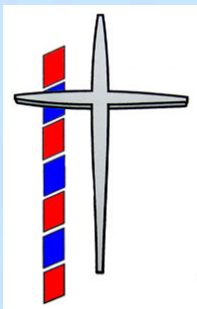
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Today's Music

514	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>
510	<i>Word of God, Come Down to Earth</i>
253	<i>He Came Down</i>

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514

O Word of God Incarnate

**1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:**

**we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.**

**2. The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.**

**It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**3. Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;**

**oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

510

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

**1. Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

**2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.**

**3. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

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He Came Down

**1. He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**2. He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**3. He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**4. He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.**

Text: Cameroon traditional

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

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