



Walk in Love

Love Came Down: A Christmas Reflection



“Love came down at Christmas...
Love Incarnate, Love Divine.”

Christina Rosetti’s poem, set to music and sung by countless choirs during the Christmas season, echoes the love of God given to us in Jesus. “God’s love was revealed among us in this way,” says the letter of 1st John. “God sent the Son into the world so that we might live” (1 John 4.9). We walk in love as Christ first loved us because Christ has set out the path of love for us to take.

This gift of love in Jesus is the source of our own love and giving at Christmas. The desire to give gifts to family and friends, and their desire to give to us, is a natural response to the love we have for one another. Our gifts become hints and glimpses of the greater self-giving love of God that sustains us all. Even the smallest gift makes real and tangible the affection we have for one another, reveals and participates in the great and generous gift of God’s Love Incarnate. “Love is our token,” Rosetti says because love is given not just to us alone, but for the life of the world. Love Incarnate is the path for us to take in the church—self-giving love for others each day of our lives as natural response to the generous love of God. | TEUS.org

Questions for Reflection:

How might the generous love of God given in Jesus and glimpsed in the gifts we receive at Christmas inspire our giving to the church and for the life of the world?



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