

Pastoral Reflection, December 2024:

What a marvelous poem that most profoundly expresses the beauty and mystery of the Nativity of Christ. Allow yourself through this poem to be drawn into the mystery of the union of God and humans in the person of the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ. (Don't try to wrap your minds around it and explain it!)

*– A Reflection on the Nativity of Christ –*

*He was a baby and a child, so that you may become a perfect human.*

*He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, so that you may be freed from the snares of death.*

*He was in a manger, so that you may be in the altar.*

*He was on earth, so that you may be in heaven.*

*He had no place in the inn, so that you may have a mansion in the Kingdom.*

*He, being rich, became poor for your sake,*

*He chose to lack for Himself, so that He might be bound for all...*

*The sobs of that humbled infancy cleanse me; those tears wash away my sins.*

*– St Ambrose of Milan, Commentary on Luke 2:6*