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*To all those who so generously
shared their gifts with me
without whom none of the work in
this volume would have been
realized.*

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In The Beginning

John 1:1
Genesis 1:1

In the beginning was Creator
And the Creator is God

In the beginning was Spirit
And the Spirit is God

In the beginning was Christ
And the Christ is God

At the beginning was darkness
At the beginning was potential
At the beginning was fertility

At the beginning was Holy Wisdom
And Holy Wisdom is God



Theotokos

Luke 1:26-38

“Be it unto me according to thy word”

*Her response to the angelic apparition
Whose answers to her questions
Were no answers at all*

*Faith
Obedience
Trust
Joy*

*Her son
A homeless healer
Teaching in riddles
Consorting with the rejected
Reviled by the authorities*

*Her son
The promised Messiah
Crucified in her presence
How much did she suffer?*

Is this what was foretold?

*Did she ever question
The presence of God
Or did she reaffirm
Her acceptance*

“Be it unto me according to thy word”

*Did she sense
The difference she made
That her words echo still
That the baby she bore
The child she nurtured
Lives on*

*That she
Lives on*



Joseph

Matthew 1:19-21

He had asked for her hand
Promises exchanged
Their betrothal was known
Their future assured

Now his world
Has been broken
She is with child
He did not know her

The story she told
Was beyond comprehension
But how could he doubt
The Word that she uttered

The customs were clear
He must send her away
Or shame would be with them
For all of their days

His vision came at night
The angel was clear
Her story was true
She bore the Son of God

With her he embraced
The call that God uttered
Made a home for his betrothed
The mother of God

Became father to God's son
Who brought Grace to the World



God Bearer

Luke 2:6-7

What is the gift
God has for me
This Christmas

The gift of new life
Born in a humble
Place in my heart

Because there is no room
For new life in the
Busy-ness of my thoughts

Announced by an Angel
New life conceived by the
Inspiration of the Spirit

What is the gift
I have for God
This Christmas

Hear the words
Of the angelic messenger
Say Yes to the Word of God

Nurture the new life
God has conceived in me
Bring it into the world

Share the gifts of God
With the people of God

Goodwill Towards Men

Luke 2:14

The first Gloria was sung
By angels on high
To shepherds watching their flock
Prefiguring the parable
Jesus will use in his ministry

The angels close proclaiming
"Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace
Good will towards men"

Some authorities add:
"With whom He is pleased"

Others offer peace
"Among those whom He favors"

Is peace granted solely
to the males

Is peace granted exclusively
to God's favorites

Surely not





After a Period of Drought

The water drops
Down the metal spout
A staccato beat
Welcome moisture

The newly damp earth
Transformed over night
From the dry dust
It had become

The parched plants
Soak up
Welcome refreshment
After the drought

So we soak up
Welcome refreshment
Coming back to God
After a time of separation

Discovering God
Is with us, in us
Even in the dryness
Of apparent separation

After Her Death

He took her ashes back
To where she had last had a life
Before losing her self
In the pain of forgetting

Rain pouring down
As she said it often did
Wind blowing
As she said it always did

He took them to the beach
Where her dog had loved to run
While she watched from the sand hill
He left her there

He took them to the lake
Where she loved to swim
And mess about in boats
With anyone who would join her
He left her there too

He took her to the church yard
Where her aunt lay buried
Amongst the tall dark yews
Where she had looked at wildflowers
Where she struggled to walk
As age depleted her mind

Where she asked to be left
And he left her there too

She wanted things done properly
So the churchyard was right
Despite her questioning
And denial of God

The church was full of flowers
From the feast of the Resurrection
As we remembered her with friends

Epitaph

A tombstone is not desired
Scatter my ashes where you will
I hope and pray
That you may say

Within the limits of his ability
With the gifts he had been blessed
He endeavored
To do the work
God gave him to do

Often, but not always, with grace
Often, but not always, with a smile
He endeavored
To do the work
God gave him to do



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