

Dear GCS staff, students, faculty and alumni,

The incarnation of the eternal Son of God in Jesus Christ is the revelation of a great mystery, hidden for ages.

On Christmas Day we celebrate the miracle of God with us, Immanuel, disclosed in the birth of Jesus. That revelation had within it yet further notes of hiddenness. Our Lord and Savior comes to us as a newborn infant, birthed from a young peasant girl only betrothed, in an obscure town, within an anonymous domicile.

And isn't that just like our Triune God? There is always an aspect of hiddenness and obscurity to his ways—even now as we await in hope for the second advent of the return of our victorious Lord Jesus Christ, the Servant King of Kings.

So, my Christmas greeting to you is one that marvels in both the revelation and hiddenness in Jesus Christ of the glory of our Triune God

Others have shared this same sense of wonder and mystery but expressed it far better than I. I'll include two of my favorites, one from the fourth century and the other from the twentieth. May they assist you in your own meditation and celebration this Christmas.

With prayer and wishes for a blessed Christmas,

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“Yes,” said Queen Lucy. “In our world too, a Stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.”

~ C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle

*Maker of the sun
He is made under the sun.*

*Unspeakably wise,
He is wisely speechless;*

*Disposer of all ages
in the bosom of the Father,
He consecrates this day
in the womb of His mother.*

*Filling the world
He lies in a manger;*

*Ruler of the stars,
He nurses at His mother's bosom.*

*In Him He remains
from her He goes forth.*

*He is both great in the nature of God,
and small in the form of a servant.*

*Creator of heaven and earth
He was born on earth under heaven.*

~ Augustine of Hippo

