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Here is a quick way to prepare for Sunday worship during the week. Take 10 minutes to read the Sunday Gospel lesson below. The introduction to the day, prayer of the day, and faith conversation starter/ reflection questions are also included.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

- What does grace upon grace look like or feel like to you?

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GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being
through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to
what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12
But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he
gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not
of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of
God.
14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we
have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of
grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This
was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead
of me because he was before me.' ") 16 From his fullness we
have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was
given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself
God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him
known.

