John 1:1-14
Christmas Day III (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
world, and the world came in-to be-ing through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to
what was his own, and his own people did not ac-cept him. 12 But to all who received him, who
be-lieved 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 a-mong us, and we have seen his glo-ry, the glory as of a father’s on-ly son, full of grace
and truth. ¶ The Gospel of the Lord. ¶¶ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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