

How God Came

In this troubled world, pounded by
evil,
struggle,
sorrow, and
death,

we cry out with Isaiah:

God, tear open the heavens and come down!

Even the mountains quake in Your presence! (Isaiah 64:1-2, para.)

We read Exodus 19 about how God's people experienced Him
when He came down on Mt. Sinai:

thunder and lightning,
a thick cloud,
a loud trumpet sound,
fire and smoke.

All the people
and the mountain itself
trembled with fear.

When Holy God was there,
even touching the mountain
would bring death.

In the Old Testament, God's people were forbidden to craft
any image or likeness of Him.

Any earthly image of the transcendent God
made Him far less than He was: a

boundless,
Almighty,
eternal Spirit,

existing

long before and
high above

anything earthly.

But when He came down at Christmas,
He made Himself a creature,
flesh and blood.

He went through the birth process
just like all the rest of us.

More than that, He came as the
weakest,

lowest,
most humble
of all human beings:
the newborn infant of
an unmarried peasant girl.
The Eternal, Almighty Word made Himself a
crying,
wordless,
helpless baby.

Transcendent God laid aside everything.
He emptied Himself,
humbled Himself,
gave Himself without reservation
to fully embrace us with
all that He is.
His restless love would stop at nothing less.

This Christmas,
be reminded,
be assured
that no matter what comes,
Almighty God is with you!
Almighty God is for you!

Hymn: [How God Came](#)

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