

In the Beginning Was the Word

A New Carol for the First Sunday after Christmas

In the beginning was the Word,
the Word with God, the Godding Word.
By this Word all things came to be,
the galaxies and stars and worlds.

This Word took flesh and lived with us,
and walked with us, and broke our bread.
It wept and laughed and healed and blessed,
and told strange stories of our God.

Grace upon grace have we received,
forgiveness, mercy, hope, delight,
an empire made of righteousness
known by the Word of God's own heart.

O gracious Light of new-made hope,
enduring Light, not overcome,
worthy are you, O Living Word,
of joyful praise throughout all time.

In the Beginning Was the Word (C) 2007 Pamela Grenfell Smith (b. 1948). This work is made available to you under a Creative Commons Level 3 License. This means that you are free to use and adapt it so long as (1) you attribute authorship and copyright to Pamela Grenfell Smith, (2) your use is non-commercial, and (3) you may not copyright your adaptation of this work under a more restrictive copyright. For more information, please see creativecommons.org

*Words based on John 1:1-18 and **Phos hilaron***

Suggested tune: Berglund by Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950). This tune appears in the hymnal ***Wonder, Love & Praise*** as number 765.