

## The Ancient and Great Proclamation of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Time untold since the beginning  
when galaxies streamed forth from God's hand  
into the immensity of the universe;  
years in their millions since our first forebears  
were brought forth from the earth;  
millennia since Abraham our father and our mother Sarah  
journeyed from Ur of the Chaldees into the unknown of God's promise;  
fifteen hundred years since the exodus of Moses and Israel  
from bondage in Egypt;  
one thousand and thirty-two years since the anointing of David as king  
and the Buddha's enlightenment;  
five hundred years since the birth of Socrates;  
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;  
in the seven hundred and fifty-second year  
from the foundation of the city of Rome;  
in the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus,  
the whole earth being at peace:

**JESUS CHRIST**

the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father  
willing to consecrate the world by his coming to us in mercy and grace,  
having been conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and nine months having passed since his conception,  
is born in Bethlehem in Judea of the Virgin Mary

**AND IS MADE MAN!**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**