Christmas Day.

Pastores laqueabantur ad insignem transscamum
igne Bethlehem & videmus hostium rubrum & factum
est, & quod Dominius ostendit nobis.

The Shepherds said to one another, let us go as
far as Bethlehem & let us see this word, that is
made, which the Lord hath showed us Words

Come 5th Christmas, let us also see this
word whom love hath brought down from his
eternal Throne into a vile Stable and which
the Lord here shows us. And the better to com-
prehend this love we will inform ourselves
upon whom it hath made this entire con-
going.

Man framed by the hand of God to his
own image and likeness, free from all the
own image and likeness, free from all the
will of sin, was placed on earth to merit by
his obedience the glory for which he was
destined by his great Creator. But alas!
instead of glory, his disobedience brought
him & his posterity an eternal punishment
from the face of God, & subjected him to most
dire torments. So sooner had guilt invaded
itself into the heart of man than the pow-
ers of Heaven were moved with compassion
& the Son of God meditates our redemption.
which was only to be effected by taking upon
him and suffering in our human nature. He
was found sufficient. The selfsame power that
made the universe, that formed the globe that
revolved the sun, moon, and stars
in their respective orbits, whose course all
depended upon the will of heaven and in the council of his own wisdom
secured himself the victim of the divine
venerance and sacrifice to his own love to become
incarnate taking upon him our human nature
and in inherent blessedness to be in our
human love that to meekness in the spirit of
to bring him from his Imperial throne above
the crown of a poor Bishop. We will
pass over his nine months continence
ment and since his blessed nativity is at
hand, we will go as far as Bethlehem to see this
new marvel, we will see this word and that
which the Lord hath showed us.
In order to succeed in this our visit and
from thence the graces we stand in need of to nourish our faith and pride in
you we humbly address our intercession to
Virgin, beging your powerful intercession with that amiable Son upon this day for the
eternal welfare of the soul to be changed into inedible joy, your local surprise when the
angels announcing your conception of this
home infant welcomed you with an hail Mary.
[Text from the image is not legible.]
Dearer, and here I behold the little benefit that
Milton will reap from his love. Here he cries for the
advocate of Washington, for the music and Downard
for the ladies, and Marchand and one host musicantee
for the many and repeated votes, for those that
are dissolvent to the laws of God and his Church, fi-
nally he weeps on because Hecate cannot soften
our hearts. What? have adorable infants appear
that swelling breast of yours calm the furious
tempers that is raised in your Count? Suppise these
tears and grieve more: when a God in his own,
your goodness to him has been more than he deserved;
may his glory be leftwof through his life. Also for
him this sudden change man hammer to suffer for
his ingratitude, but love that has been such one from
the bosom of my father to court him jealouy and
to lose his body, devoid but love in our breast to see
him perish without a tear. He may yet have at last
cast an eye upon my sorrows and be moved to weep
for himself, I cannot love all. Then invent friends and
help of friends. When are we young and learn Moweth
more we cannot return. When is the time and of
what kind to raise our opinion to ear and to change our
will. This will not be without love we must the other
Will, will not rise in the face of the God. We will not
regard tears and compassionate
we will not have God offended in the Lord, from
whence we demand to us in so pathetic a manner to be humble and
meek and patient and modified. What spirits can support so
clearly write the incomparable virtue of the image of
humility as does the example of the man of God in
the form of an humble infant, which grief and
inconstancy is not laid on a manner. The main point, if
we seek to be great and labor and assume, who would
be admired? are greater in your own age than in those
of others, who are easily satisfied with remuneration
and easily moved to forgive an abomint of the enemy.
From one of the young ages canvass his recollection of
the face not of worldly honor, regulate at least your judgment
that while the moderate endeavours have only occasion
that with ourselves, if the Christ or the world is
received, since the meaning. The Lord is comforted
good and opposite. The one boys lie in his bosom,
pity & vanity the other poverty and phlegm, and are
of these two in the world? Oh, if you reason well and
say it is as impossible that the Divine creature Milton
can be deceived in the choice he made in that
he should receive us on what he sought for, and so
conclude that it in the world that became us so long
we follow its maxims we are in the midst of
by the reasons by which the example of an humble infant,
portents figure to us as the vanity of false
representations of this world shall gradually pass away
and vanish from our sight leaving us nothing of reality
but the old thought of our once having been deceived

It is to be the table at Bethlehem in that
umbrella mansion, the temple of the heavens
holds his first vehicle where we are all invited
to learn true humility and the little value we are to
the world. Learn to pray and humble our
selves from the example of our humble but HIS
man to speak, instruct you by his means to
nothing about him. To your heathenish
impiety, to your vain pride and your eyes on the
poor and deformed in which he is wroth. Do not sit table
on your house and furniture. It is a

And the voice of the angel: "Fear not, Joseph, for
Mary because in the Lord of Glory is

Can we imagine that he is come to teach us to
understand and on a bed of ivry when he is
manger on a little hay? Can we suppose that
he taught us to give ourselves up slowly to the
pleasures of a sinful life? When we see him our
men, no one given to this human child an appeal
that he is come to teach us to indulge ourselves in
luxury? Whilst we see him tremble with excessive cold we are in his place an ox & an ass, receiving more warmth than from our breath.

Let us again instruct ourselves & Christians in our duty; represent to us that when there is question of taking some diversion, of recreation, the harmless in itself, it would become us to make a voluntary sacrifice of our inclinations, and now and then deprive ourselves often for the sake of Him who on the first day of his life bore so much for us. O, wondrous God! who hast instructed us in such matters! give us grace to practice them. You have made it out to be the straight road: give us strength, courage, & resolution to walk therein. As you are our redemption, be also our wisdom and justice.

Penetrated with these sentiments, inspired by your holy grace, behold our breast & heart, ready to receive you, in lieu of the un hositable Jews, who shut their doors against you. What joy and consolation, if your benevolence to visit us, & find in us nothing that may render us unworthy of your presence. We will tenderly watch over you and nourish you with the food of your prayers almost dead & good works. For the remainder of our lives, we will study to please you in all our actions.

Come then Divine Infant, fly to our arms, as did to the devout Simeon, who with rapture joy beheld the accomplishment of His most ardent wishes.

Holy Virgin, happy Mother, bestow upon us this pledge of love: or if your sacred arms cannot be united from your treasure, we will at least kneel down and adore him. We will make him an offering of our hearts, & in quality of his Disciples accompany him through all the different stages of his painful life, and with this apostolic grace, will with alacrity seek the accompanying of his Blessed Death, & hasten to the sight of what we have lost the function of our eyes by the pleasingly spring once.