

One Hundred Seventh Commencement

Southern Nazarene University



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Sawyer Center

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THE SNU MISSION

Our mission is to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community. As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth, and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with purpose.

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY’S ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 • TWO O’CLOCK P.M. • SAWYER CENTER

Program

PROCESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar Dr. Phil Moore, Professor of Music / Director
Dr. Steve Betts, Professor of Music / Organist

MACE BEARER..... Dr. Mark Reighard, Professor of Music

WELCOME..... Dr. Loren Gresham, University President

INVOCATION..... Dr. Keith Pardue, SNU Board of Trustees / Parent of Graduate

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6 Dr. Marty Michelson, Associate Professor of Theology and Ministry

*** HYMN (lyrics on page 5)**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”Dr. Phil Moore

*** NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 1:1-5, 14.....Prof. Gwen Rodgers, Assistant Professor and Director of Online Learning

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE SNU WOMEN’S CHORUS

“Rejoice” by Linda SpevacekDr. Brent Ballweg, Professor of Music / Director

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS..... Dr. Loren Gresham

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... Dr. Jim L. Bond, General Superintendent Emeritus, Church of the Nazarene

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS / SPECIAL RECOGNITION Dr. Davis Berryman
Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Dr. Mary Jones, University Provost

AWARDING OF DEGREES..... Dr. Loren Gresham
Dr. Brad Moore, Chair of the SNU Board of Trustees
Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean of the Undergraduate College
Dr. Davis Berryman

CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Loren Gresham

*** ALMA MATER (lyrics on page 5)**Dr. Phil Moore

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Jose Palacios, SNU Board of Trustees / Parent of Graduate

RECESSIONAL BY THE SNU BRASS ENSEMBLE AND ORGAN

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra.....Dr. Phil Moore / Dr. Steve Betts

Board of Trustees, faculty and platform personnel will recess in a line of march.
Graduates and guests will be dismissed at the conclusion of the recessional.

GRADUATE AND GUEST DISMISSAL..... Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler

Commencement Speaker

DR. JIM L. BOND

General Superintendent Emeritus, Church of the Nazarene



Dr. Jim L. Bond is a general superintendent emeritus in the Church of the Nazarene. He was elected at the 24th General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas in June 1997 and served for eight years before retirement.

He came into this office from the presidency of Point Loma Nazarene University, a position he held for 14 years. Under Dr. Bond's leadership, a campus master plan was developed and several major construction projects were completed. Additionally, new enrollment records were set, growth and quality enhancements in academic offerings enabled the school to gain national recognition in some areas, and an innovative and highly effective spiritual development program for students was instituted. He served on several

national and California higher education boards.

Dr. Bond earned the bachelor of arts degree from Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene University), the master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and the doctor of ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also recipient of three honorary degrees including the doctor of divinity from Southern Nazarene University.

He has an extensive and rich background of service to the Church of the Nazarene. He pastored churches for seventeen years, was a missionary to Brazil for a brief time, and was chaplain and professor of practical theology at Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. He served on numerous district boards, the general board of the Church of the Nazarene, and was general president of Nazarene Youth International.

Dr. Bond went to Pasadena College as an all-American high school basketball player from Pampa, Texas. He was later named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics all-American team. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers to play professional basketball but declined this offer so that he could prepare for ministry at Nazarene Theological Seminary. In recent years he has been inducted into five halls of fame including the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bond is married to the former Sally Whitcanack. They have two married children and seven grandchildren.

Music Lyrics

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Words: Linda Lee Johnson (1985) • Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)

VERSE 1

Joyful, Joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby,
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

VERSE 2

All Your works declare Your glory;
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love and praise.

ALMA MATER

Words: Delbert R. Gish (1926) • Revised: J. Michael Crabtree (1986) • Music: Janet Durfree (1926)

Verse 1

Of all the schools in this fair land
There's one whose name we praise,
She's founded on ideals of right,
To her our songs we raise.

Verse 2

We'll work for her, we'll fight for her,
Be loyal, brave, and true,
We'll bring her fame and grace her name
In everything we do.

Verse 3

Though many ways our paths may lead
When we from school depart,
Let faith in God now burning bright
Remain in every heart.

Chorus

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Hail, all hail to you.
Red and white stand for the light
Of dear old SNU.

Degree Candidates

MASTER OF ARTS

Lonna J. Ball	David W. Gilmore	Michael A. Murray
Jammie LaVelle Bean	Natalie M. Gipson	Amalipinti A. Nijon
Jarod Taylor Bible	Clinton Boyd Glasson	Mason Brian Phillips
Christopher Antoine Billings	Lindsay Ann Gray	Angela Lynne Ragland
Barbara Bishop	Gregory Scott Guest	Russell E. Ragland
Jamal Gerald Bogle, Sr.	Jill Hakel	Jennifer Lynn Rankin
Angela Terese Boomer	Jennifer Hanson	Stephanie S. Raschtschenia-Mott
Brett Martin Bradley	Cal Hardage	Jimmy Lee Reynolds, Jr.
Rennie S. Brewer	Bart Harper	Marcy K. Schoelen
Melanie Janae Bridges	Dane Hill	Sharlene S. Starnes
Mary Catherine Bullock	Ashley Hodges	Lucas Emil Streets
David B. Chandler	Jonathan D. Holloway	Brenda K. Styers
Melissa Chavis	Trina L. House	Jennifer June Thomas
Emily Suzanne Cook	Tiffany Joy Huser-Scott	Liz A. Thompson
Nathan Coulter	Patricia Elizabeth Jackson	Barbara Ann Tilley
Cindy Ruth Cunningham	Terri L. Tunnell Johnson	Jo Lynn Tonihka
Charity Beth Elois Danker	Michael Brett Jones	Kim Vickrey
Joel Edward Dickerson	Annette L. Kennedy	Carie Lynn White
Michelle Eidson	Ava Gault Linden	Johnny Ray Wright
Mark A. Elam	Rebecca Lynn Lynch	Clifton V. Young III
Marc W. Funk	Angela Rose Matos-Johnson	
Terrel Brent Gibbs	Don McGee	

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sharis Miquael Atkins	Ellissa V. Green-Lott	Amy L. Petty
Lisa Dianne Barker	Patrick L. Guthrie	Brenda Porter
Jason Ward Boston	Sarah Lynn Halley	Calvin Curtis Porterfield
Sumish J. Charlie	Mandy A. Hibbler	Stacey Dian Porterfield
Daniel Adam Cook	Carmikeal Hoffman	Esteban Edwardo Rodriguez
Susie Ann Davidson	Jeffrey Michael Hoke	Shayna Jaye-Marie Sims
Clendon W. Detrixhe	Mindy Raene Hole	Emily Jean Slagle
Jeffrey Lee Devers	Steven Ray Hull	Cylie Jo Smith
Russell L. Ellis	Wynette Nicole Irving	Stacy A. Sprague
Kevin Austin Fitzgerald	Steven S. Jackson	Lindsey Marie Taylor
Lorrie Dean Freeman	Marilyn K. Kruger	Jeffrey L. Williams
Ysheka Denise Gooden	Daniel Robert Mullins	DJ R. Windle

Degree Candidates (continued)

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brenda Sue Adams	Brandi S. Gonzalez	Delores P. Nelson
Holly E. Ancha	Thomas A. Hansen	Jewell L. Oliver
Michelle Ann Baillie	Renee Marie Heinley	Nikki Yvonne Owings-Crumm
Brian Keith Baird	Michael R. Hoskins	Lynn Wolf Sandoval
Connie B. Bevill	LaVonda M. Howell	Shari L. Sherman
Deborah E. Bryan	Stella O. Imose	Alison Joy Squire
Jason S. Clifton	DeAnna Jean Johnson	Elaine Marie Taylor
Brenda Ann Curry	Stella Louise Kalman	Jean C. Wahlgren
Gregory Lee Davis	Lisa Light	Benjamin Keith Wilkerson
Ryan David Fauser	Gina R. Melson	Norma E. Williams
Melanie Michelle Fisher-Kolzen	Sarah Lindsey Miller	Anita Clay Wingfield
Sherry L. Fuller	Shannon Yvette Mims	
Eric Jason Gill	Dominique S. Nayaga	

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashley Elizabeth Garcia**	Emily Diane Pardue*	Katherine Ann Pickard
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nikole Lynn Acosta	Kristy Dawn Bolen^	Krista Bryn Clark*
Jose Raul Alfonso	Michaelene Ann Bolinsky	Marc Anthony Claudé
Drew Eric Allmon	Joseph Scott Bond	Terra LaGene Collie*
Ginny Sue Andrews*	Crystalyn Jeanette Booth	LaCedric J. Conrad
Jason Thomas Ashinhurst	Jamie Lynn Booth	Steven Ray Conway^
Zahra Azadfar*	Timothy Emmett Breslin	Brandon William Copeland^
Jasmine Nicole Barnes***^	Joshua Kenton Briggeman*	Jeffrey R. Copeland^
Wendy A. Barnes	Amanda Marie Brown	Carol Michelle Cox*
Hughble L. Barnett	Earlene Elizabeth Brown	Sara Marie Crager*
Michael Wayne Barnett	Douglas Lee Bryant*	Jacqueline Louise Cromwell
Krista Gai Basinger***	Mary Teresa Buffington*	Christi Nicole Crotsley
M. Wade Baughn**	Ricky B. Bufford	Shannon Renee Crutcher***
Bryan Leslie Baxter	Aaron Bradley Cabe*	Deborah Jean D'Amico
Richard Breher Bayless II	Nicole L. Calvert	Bansi Vinoth Daniel***
Aimee Dyane Bean**^	Tyler Gene Calvin	Donna R. Daniels
Tanner Michael Bergman*	Kathleen Joann Carney***	Patrisha L. Davis*
Amy Sue Bibby	Misty Case	Angela Deneen
Daniel B. Bigelow*	Stephanie Renee Chandler	Roberto Diaz, Jr.**^
Erica Denise Black-Hooks	Viengsamay Art Chansombat	Vernona Ulon Russell Dismuke
Ronald Gene Blackmore, Jr.*	Judy T. Chernicky	Candace Nicole Dixon
April Darlene Bloom*	Donna Kaye Cheshier	Kenneth Sylvester Dixon^
Jennifer Brook Blue-Frick**	Randy Chilensky**	Robert Andrew Dixon
Artavius B. Bogan	Daniel Ryan Ciambella*	

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Degree Candidates (continued)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

Sarah Ann Dixon	Brady Lee Hess	Eric Demond Lynch*
Larry O. Dockery	Neil Delozier Hester***^	Marnie Melinn MacNair*
Laurie Dawn Dreessen**^	Matthew Alan Higgs	Toree R. Madrane
Michael Clyde Driskill	Lucas Dawson Hinshaw	Jacquelyn Ann Mains
Phong Q. Du	Brett Robert Hull	Kay Elizabeth Mansfield*^
Mathew Ryan Dunham	Roslyn Denise Hunter*^	Joshua James Marshall*
Nathan Allen Dyer*	Morticia Lanetta Hurley	Donald Lee Martin^
Stephanie Janelle Edwards	Paula Jean Hurst	Shannon Marie McCaskey*^
Aaron Scott Elliott	David Minh Huynh	Amber Rachele McCaslin
Janna Earnestine Elliott	Donna Marie Jackson**	Paul Joseph McIntosh
Zahn Britton Ellis	Felicia Etrae Jackson	T. Mark McKee
Brandon Edwin Emerson	Jennifer Lynn James	Katral Uylon McKnight*
Megan Heather Engleman	Matt Janway	Keith M. Medley*^
Hope English	Robert Gale Jerman	William Ray Meiser II
Nickolas Ewing Ernce	Wayne Edward Jernigan	Samuel Mercado
Andria Donyell Ervin	Yolanda Reneé Johnson	becca L. Merritt
Pablo E. Fabrega	Lauri Ann Jones^	Michael Malerie LynLee Merry
Dustin Adam Fisher	Sara E. Jones*	Maranda Lee Miles*^
Mickey Ann Fisher*^	Michael R. Jorgenson	Amber Dawn Miller***
Rebecca Foreman*	John Stephen Justice	Natalie René Miller*
Corinna Mae Fouts	Nicholas Edward Kelln	Denise Darcel Mills*
Michelle J. Gaines-Taylor	Leigha Marie Kelsey	Kendra Dawn Mooney
Steven Alan Gamble*	Randall N. Kenepf	James Eric Moore
Ashley Nicole Gammon*	Morgan Elizabeth Kern	Diana C. Moreno-Bernal*
Mathew J. Ganja	Amanda J. King	Jacquelyn Sue Morton
Gregory Gerard Garcia	Stephen E. King	Jennifer Dawn Movlai
Diana Joy Gaylord	Kip Dale Klingman	Mark Andrew Murray^
Lauren Dale German	Tricia LaVonne Kudrna*	Jeffery Bradon Nave
Alwin Gherghescu**	Lara Lawson*	Michael E. Orlikowski
Kimberly Renee Ginn	Pamela June Lea*	Dennis Ernest Ortiz
Lauren Ashley Gleason	David Eugene Lee	Vania Salem Palacios
Alexis Lynn Graham	Elizabeth Kay Lee	Jamie Marie Pander*^
Kelly M. Gray	Gilbert Gene Lee II*	Ann Marie Parizek
Ryan Griswold	Natalie Moon Lim*	Susan Paul**
Jillian Dawn Harbour	Yaritzza Liriano*	Sergio Perez
Jacob Aaron Harcourt	Madelyne Shea Lovelady	Ashley Dawn Perry-Farmer
Robin Jay Harris	Monique Lucas	Christine S. Phelps-Brown**^
John Paul Harrison	William Wade Lucas	Holly Lynn Pickelsimer
Derek Ross Helms^	Leroy Lucero, Jr.	

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Degree Candidates (continued)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

Christopher Michael Pitts***	Christine Marie Simone*^	Sandi Denise Uebelhart***^
Jayme Beth Porter	Rebecca Kaye Simons	Greg Van Ness
James Scott Price	Michael Craig Sisco	Jerry Lee Van Winkle, Jr.*
Martin James Proper	Sharron Lynn Skaggs*^	Michael Patrick Ventris
Tylor David Prudhomme	Ashley Nichole Smith**	Donna N. Vondracek**
Bradley J. Ramsey*	Branden W. Smith	Thai Quoc Vuong
Alex Jay Rehnstrom*	Marsha L. Smith**	Kristi Lee Walinski
Gabriel Martin Rhodes	Renea Yvette Smith	Michael David Walker
Kendra Dee Riel	Colleen Ann Speck	Matthew Marcus Wansley*
Charles Adam Riney**	Leah Michelle Starling	Barbara Jean Watson*
James A. Roettger	Clint Richard Stheele	Kandi Lee West
Eric Allan Runyan	Krista Jo Stejskal*	Jeremy R. Wiedenmann
Marek Ruzicka*	Justin Dean Stepp	Shareen Marlene Williams
Paul Alan Sacchieri	Brenda Gail Stone	Shiela Renee Williams
Deborah Jean Samp^	Bret James Thomas	Tanisha Nicole Williams
Herbert Lee Sanders IV	Kody Ray Thomas	Thomas E. Williams, Jr.*
Lisa McAdoo Schneider*	Michael Anthony Thomas	Jason Kyle Williamson*^
Rebecca Shirleen Schwarz	Darlene Kaye Thompson^	Scott Russell Wilson
Darnell V. Seawright	Joan Diane Thompson***	Alecsia Michelle Windfield
Sushmakumari S. Sharma***^	Dusty Lee Thurman	Eric Monroe Wooten
Janice Shed	Gary Dean Tipton*	Angela C. Yates*
Michael Ray Shelton	Amory Michelle Tolbert	Candice Dawn Young
Randy Gene Shelton*	Conswella Shimone Turner	Amy Nichole Younger
Janet D. Sherrill	Bradley Jordan Tyler-Clark	Faye Marie Zimmerman*

NOTE: This program is not intended to be used as the official indication of graduation or honors. Official SNU transcripts, signed and sealed by the proper officers, are the testimony to the conferring of a degree and/or academic honor. Students completing graduation requirements or submitting required documentation after the posted and/or announced deadline may not be included in this program. Names of graduates are listed alphabetically and not in the order in which they are called.

Commencement Information

ACADEMIC MACE

The academic mace traces its origins to the medieval battle mace and royal scepter and was adopted in the 14th century as a symbol of the university's ideals and commitment to learning. On ceremonial occasions, the mace is carried by a senior faculty member at the head of the procession. At commencement exercises, the mace is placed in its stand to signal the beginning of the ceremony and removed to mark the ceremony's end.

The SNU mace made its inaugural journey in the May 2008 Commencement. It is crafted in walnut from a tree that once grew on SNU's campus, and the stand is made from wood salvaged from another historic SNU building called The Tabernacle where early Nazarenes once worshipped. Both of these pieces of wood, though cracked and flawed, were saved by the late Dr. Lyle Tullis, SNU Professor of Sociology Emeritus, whose life and service impacted countless SNU colleagues and students. His son, Dr. K. J. Tullis, used this wood to craft the mace.

Today the mace is carried by Dr. Mark Reighard, Professor of Music. The honor of Mace Bearer is awarded by a full faculty vote to a senior member of the SNU faculty to recognize dedicated service and outstanding character that exemplifies the SNU motto "Character/Culture/Christ." Dr. Reighard has served as a faculty member at SNU since the 1969-1970 academic year.

HONORS AND REGALIA

Students graduating with high cumulative grade point averages are indicated in the degree candidates list as follows. Grade point averages for the most recent semester may or may not be included.

- * **Cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.50 through 3.74
- ** **Magna cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.75 through 3.89
- *** **Summa cum laude** - cumulative GPA of 3.90 through 4.00

Hoods are unique to educational institutions and are vestments that identify the degree conferred and the granting institution. Students receiving master's degrees today are vested with a hood with the SNU colors identified in the silk lining. The edging of the hoods shows the colors of degrees conferred today: drab for Master of Business Administration, white for Master of Arts, and golden-yellow for Master of Science.

Cords and **medallions** worn by graduates signify membership in national honor societies and/or participation in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program.

White stoles indicate completion of advanced General Education coursework in SNU's Enrichment Track.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Distinguished Achievement Award is an honor granted to students from each cohort in the School of Professional Studies. Selection is based on outstanding scholarship and exceptional leadership within the program and on recommendations by program directors, faculty, and classmates. Recipients are identified with the ^ symbol in the list of degree candidates. This 2009-2010 academic year marks the 24rd year for the presentation of these awards.

Commencement Information (continued)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Southern Nazarene University recognizes graduate James Scott Price who, as a result of completing all the requirements to earn a bachelor's degree, was commissioned yesterday at a ceremony at the University of Central Oklahoma as a second lieutenant into the U.S. Army. Second Lieutenant Price is graduating today with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from the SNU School of Professional Studies.

COMMENCEMENT PERSONNEL

Faculty Marshals, in conjunction with other Commencement personnel listed below and the Office of Academic Affairs, are primarily responsible for the planning and coordination of Commencement ceremonies. The faculty marshals serving today are Dr. Steve Betts, Professor and Chair, School of Music; Dr. Nancy Halliday, Professor, Department of Biology; Dr. Cathy Hutchings-Wedel, Professor and Director, Organizational Leadership Program, School of Professional Studies; and Dr. Tim Taylor, Professor and Director, Teacher Education Program, School of Education.

University Marshals are students recognized for their outstanding academic performance among those anticipating graduation in the coming academic year. These students are selected each year based on cumulative credit hours and grade point averages. The following university marshals are assisting the faculty marshals during today's Commencement:

Kara Adams	Kelly Marie Hall	Victoria Oakes	Brittany Solis
Kelcie J. Exline	Heidi Kathleen McLaughlin	Anna Overhulser	Allyson Whatley
Michael Scott Green	Trevor Meek	Estefania Plaza	Kyle Wilson

Commencement Planning Committee members, along with the faculty marshals listed above, coordinate various aspects of Commencement. The committee members are Dr. Martha Banz, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate College; Dr. W. Davis Berryman, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional and Graduate Studies; Dr. Charles Chitwood, Registrar; Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, Vice Provost for Academic Administration; Mrs. Sherri Hendrix, Executive Assistant and Event Coordinator, Academic Affairs; Mr. Michael Houston, Associate Dean of Students; Mr. Fred Jolliff, Custodial Supervisor; Dr. Mary Jones, Provost; Mr. Ron Lester, Director, Facilities Management; Mrs. Sherree Murray, Marketing Coordinator, Zig Ziglar Center and Graduate Studies in Management; Mr. Johnny Stubbs, Director, Transportation and Security; Ms. Brenda Styers, Director, Alumni Relations; and Mrs. Erin Toler, Director, Disability Services.

IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY

- › Announcements and/or instructions will be given by SNU platform personnel.
- › Law enforcement officers and SNU security personnel are on site to assist.
- › Be aware and give assistance to elderly, disabled, and children.
- › Elevators should not be used during emergency evacuation.
- › Exits are located at the outer four corners of the Sawyer Center.

Scripture Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (NKJV)

²The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

John 1:1-5, 14 (NKJV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

