

SOME HYMNIC PARALLELS FOR THE JOHANNINE PROLOGUE

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus being in the *form of God*

He emptied himself
Taking the form of a slave
Being born in the likeness of man

God has exalted Jesus
that every tongue may proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord
to *the glory of God the Father*

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the *image of the unseen God*
All things were created in him
for him and unto him

He is the *beginning*

All *fulness* dwells in the Son
All things are reconciled through him

1Tim 3:16

He was *manifested in the flesh*
he was taken up in *glory*

Hebrews 1:2-5

God spoke to us by his Son
through whom he created the *world*

he reflects *the glory of God*

upholding the *universe*
by his powerful word¹.

When he had made purification for *sins*
he sat down *at the right hand*
of the majesty on high.

The Johannine Prologue

In the beginning the Word *was God*

He came into the world that was made by
him
The Word was *made flesh*

His life is the light of men
We have *seen his glory*, as of *the only Son*
of the Father, filled with enduring love

The Word who was *God became flesh*
Through him all things were made,
nothing came into being but through him

In the *beginning* the Word was

Filled with grace and truth - from his
fulness we have *all* received

The Word *became flesh*, and we saw his
glory

The Word - glory of the only *Son* coming
from the Father
Through him *all* things came into being

We saw his *glory*
It is the only Son, ever at the Father's side,
who has made him known
In the *Word* was life that was the *light of*
men

The light shines in the *darkness*
The Word was *with God*...to all who
accepted him he gave power to be God's
children

¹ Here not *logos* but *rema*