

## GOD MADE MAN

I am not afraid of God who becomes man.

A fragile, vulnerable, child God.

I much more fear men who become God,

violent, barbarous, pitiless, they are all named Herod, and we too, perhaps a bit !

He is full of tenderness and of mercy

the God who becomes man.

The Father offers us his life, the life of his only Son.

This is not a fable. It's real.

As real as a child of flesh and bones.

This child is named Jesus,

born of Mary "in the time of Herod." Do you believe that ?

Are you going to keep you heart amour-clad, and call God to the court of the possible,

where your tiny reason presides full of self-importance ?

Do you wish to give yourself a child's heart

to raise you up the measure of the mystery ?

**Meditation of Msgr Julien in 1986 when he was bishop of Rennes**