

Unending pregnancy, perpetual birth...

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The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be called Emmanuel, because he will be God- with-us.

Cf Isaiah 7:14; 8:10 (*Today's Entrance Antiphon*)

"After Holy Communion, we carry Christ within us in the sacramental species just as Mary carried Him in His own species for nine months. ...

Pregnancy in particular is **dense with spiritual lessons:**

being 'with child' is the model of being 'with Christ' in faith, hope, love, in humble service and deepest prayer.

Having come, **with the Father and the Holy Spirit**, to make His home within me, Christ wants to remain *sub tectum meum*, 'under my roof', the **king and centre of my heart**. Obedience to God, formed by loving contemplation and flowering into loving action, is unending pregnancy, perpetual birth."

John Seward

Redeemer in the Womb



Our Lady of the Light



Thanksgiving After Communion ~ Alphonse Legros (1837-1911)