

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 25, 2025 - 10:15 AM**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**



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**Prelude: "O Holy Night"**

*Soloist Nicholas King*

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.  
Please stand as you are able.*

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn #96 "Angels We Have Heard On High"**

*Gloria*

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

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**The Gloria – Hymn #96 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs 1&4)**

*James Chadwick*

**The Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**A Reading from Isaiah 62:6-12**

Dick Hewson

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion,

"See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before

him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 97. We will read in responsively by half verse.**

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
**let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
**and burns up his enemies on every side.**
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
**the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
**at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
**and all the peoples see his glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
**Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
**he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
**and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

### A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus (3:4-7)

Nicholas King

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Orthodox Alleluia

## Alleluia

John Milas, AAGO, ChM



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.]

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Repeat the Alleluia**

**Homily**

The Reverend Kathryn L. King

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

By the birth of the Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Sally our bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Gracious God.**

**Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn #79 “O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*St. Louis*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sanctus #S130**

*Richard Proulx*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Fraction S#164**

*Richard Proulx*

**The Communion of the People**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by sipping from the chalice or intinction, which is to*

*dip the host into the consecrated wine. To drink from the chalice please hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. It is available to all but required of none.*

**Communion Hymn #89 “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”**

*Carol*

The Post-Communion Prayer

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**Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy Season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #87 “Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”**

*Mendelssohn*

The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth rejoicing in the newborn King. Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude:** Noel Grand Jeu et Duo

*d’Aquin*



The Altar is adorned to the Glory of God.

## Service Participants

Celebrant: The Reverend Kathryn L. King  
Acolytes: Dick Hewson  
Lector: Dick Hewson, Nicholas King  
Organist: John Milas  
Altar Guild: Linda Gyurko, Lois Eberhart

### Christmas through Epiphany at All Saints

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Single Service at 10:15 AM with carols

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Epiphany Concert and Reception 6:30 PM

Please sign up to bring cookies.

Open to the public, bring family and friends of all ages.

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

The Feast of the Epiphany Observed 10:15 AM

Includes chalking of the doors and Kings pageant

Feast of the Epiphany Open House at the Rectory

4:30 - 7PM please RSVP for planning purposes

