

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE
FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST
December 24, 2025 - 9:00 PM**



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Prelude

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

Opening Hymn #83 “O Come All Ye Faithful” all verses

Adeste Fideles

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome

The Reverend Kathryn L. King

Opening Acclamation

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The Collect for Purity

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The Gloria – Hymn #96 vs 1&4 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

James Chadwick

The Collect

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

Ruairi O’Neill

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his

kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 96. We will read it responsively in half verse.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from Titus 2:11-14

Angelina O'Neill

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Orthodox Alleluia:

Alleluia

John Milas, AAGO, ChM

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia

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Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

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

Sermon

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.

The Exchange of the Peace

Please share the peace with those around you.

Offertory Anthem “Once In Royal David’s City”

Milas

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Cordo

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus #S130

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction S164

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 #115 "What Child is This"

William Dix

Communion Anthem – "I Wonder As I Wander"

John Rutter

Communion Hymn #101 "Away In A Manger"

Cradle Song

As you return from Communion you will be given a candle by the Usher. Please share the light with those around you.

Hymn #111 - “Silent Night”

Stille Nacht

The lights will be dimmed for the singing of Silent Night.

The congregation may kneel as you are able.

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 #100 “Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come”

Antioch

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

Please return candles to the basket as you leave.

Service Participants

Celebrants: The Reverend Kathryn L. King,
The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg
Verger: Clayton Smith
Acolyte: Dick Hewson
Lectors: Ruairi O’Neill, Sarah O’Neill
Organist: John Milas
Trumpeters: Al Coffey, Adam Malarich
Altar Guild: Linda Gyurko, Lois Eberhart

Christmas through Epiphany at All Saints

December 24th

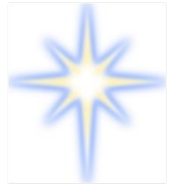
9 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with instrumentalist
Service includes pre-service music and candlelight
Silent Night

Thursday, December 25th

Festal Holy Eucharist with carols and homily at 10:15 AM

Sunday, December 28th

Single Service at 10:15 AM with carols



Friday, January 2nd

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 5th

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

Rector

The Reverend Kathryn L. King

Priest Associate

The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg

Minister of Music

John Milas, AAGO, ChM

Parish Administrator

Robin Beaudry

Sexton

Jeanette Caldwell

Treasurer

Larry Kyse

Bookkeeper

Cheryl Smith

Senior Warden

Christine Kyse '27

Junior Wardens

Chad Newsome '28 Jane White '27

Vestry

Linda Carduner '26 Michael Ling '26

Hilary Morse '28 Chris Niebling '26

Jo Patrone '27 Clayton Smith '28



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