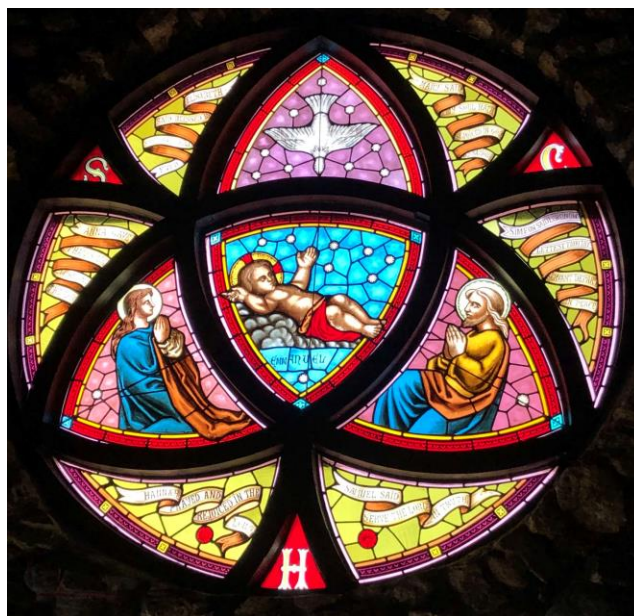


# Christmas Eve

4:00 PM + December 24, 2021



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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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## *All Saints' Episcopal Church Chelmsford, Massachusetts*

### Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Prelude:** O come, all ye faithful, Arr. Barbara Kinyon  
All Saints' Bell Choir

*Adeste fideles*

**Opening Hymn 83:** O come, all ye faithful (*vs 1,3,6*)

*Adeste fideles*

**Welcome**

*Officiant* Alleluia. Unto us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

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

*Officiant* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given (*Isaiah 9:2,6*).

## The Collect for Christmas

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* 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.*

## All Saints' Christmas Pageant

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

### The Prayers of the People (congregational responses in bold)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father enliven the church for its mission

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and all people into the ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for our community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in in body, mind, or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.  
**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:  
**Lord you have called us to serve you.**

### **Concluding Collect**

**Officiant:** 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.*

### **The Peace and Greetings**

**Officiant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**People:** And also with you

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 100:** Joy to the world

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### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made fully human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

Blue Hymnal S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Invitation

*Celebrant:* Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, these are the gifts of God for the People of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Following ushers, everyone is invited to come forward in lines in the center isle (of the main church or the overflow areas). At this time, the common cup will not be shared, but the consecrated bread will be and it alone constitutes what we understand to be communion. Please return to your seat with the bread and consume it there. If you wish to come forward for a blessing alone, please indicate it by crossing your arms across your chest.*

## Communion Music

*Christmas Cradle Song*

Zoltán Gárdonyi (1906-1986)

*Resonet in Laudibus*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*Whence is that goodly fragrance?*

Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Procession to the Garden & the Lighting of Candles

Hymn 111: *Silent Night* (hymn on last page)

*Stille Nacht*

## The Blessing

### Dismissal


Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.




Hymn 83: O come, all ye faithful Vs 1, 3, 6


*Adeste fidelis*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —




1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;




1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;


*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

# Hymn 100: Joy to the world

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1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,



Hymn 111: Silent Night

*Stille Nacht*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## **Ministers for Tonight's Service**

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

Choirmaster and Organist: Dr. Carl Klein

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Psilopoulos

Acolytes: Addie Collins, Aly Moore, Rachel Moore, & Charlotte Blount

Litanist: Lynne McSheehy

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Andrews, Laura Marshall, & Lynne McSheehy

Pageant: All Saints' Church School

Livestreaming Technician: Brian Hunter

Ushers: Andrew Barry, Darren Collins, Dan Dowd, Cole Garrigan, Rob Strain, & Steve Sullivan

