



Christmas 2022/Epiphany 2023

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ -

As we come closer and closer to our kneeling places in Bethlehem, I want to wish you all the deepest love of the season and I pray that the new year approaching will be filled with joy, hope, peace and wonder. Once again, we have weathered another year of transition and change. COVID keeps raising its ugly, ugly head; inflation is having a deep effect upon all of us; the supply chain remains fragile and demand still outstrips supply...the list could go on and on.

Yet, in the dark streets there still shines the Light! For Joseph and Mary, their world was thrown into chaos as they journeyed from all that was safe and comfortable for them in Nazareth to go to Bethlehem in order to be counted – counted not as persons but as statistics. So many in our world today share their fate but God never sees anything He has created as a number or a blip on a graph. For Him, each created one is sacred and blessed and to be honoured. The Light which dawned in a cave on the outskirts of an insignificant village shines over ALL of creation, bathing it with hope and endless possibility.

Magi came seeking the Light; shepherds knelt in awe and wonder in the heart of the Light; angels and archangels danced and sang in the Light; villagers were enfolded in the Light; Light came into the world and the darkness could never overwhelm it.

My fervent prayer for all of us this year is that we invite the Light of Bethlehem to dwell among us in all its power. I pray that we remember that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; the earth was shapeless and void and darkness covered the surface of the world and the Spirit Breath of the Creator hovered over the waters. Then God acted and said, "Let there be light" and there was Light! God saw the Light and said to the Spirit, "This is good". May each of us feel the Light of Christ holding us, walking with us through moments of joy and sorrow, stroking our faces and whispering, "You are beloved; you are loved."

May the Light shine in you, around you and through you today and always.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Michael

Holy Trinity Christmas Services

Dec. 18 - 10:30 AM - Advent 4

Dec. 24 - 7:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Holy Eucharist

Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM - Christmas Morning Holy Eucharist

Jan. 1 - 10:30 AM - New Year's Day Holy Eucharist

Everyone Welcome
Masks Encouraged

