



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have heard for many weeks now that Christmas this year will be a little different because of the pandemic. That is true, as we will be less mobile, cautious about gathering, and doing more socializing online. Things will certainly be different as our parishes celebrate the Lord's Nativity - capacity restrictions and safety precautions will mean lower key liturgies.

Still, we would do well to focus on the things that will not change this Christmas, and for people of faith they are the eternal truths that always resound in our hearts: that God's Word became flesh to dwell among us; that Bethlehem speaks of God's unbounded love for his people; that our faith brings us tidings of comfort and joy; and that trust in God, illustrated in the humble faith of Mary and Joseph, will never lead us astray.

In this unusual Christmas of 2020, I pray that you may still experience the traditional and customary joys that mark this season of faith. May God bless you richly this Christmas and may you know peace and good health in the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

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