



Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Anglican Communion

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matt. 28:19–20)

Office of the Archbishop & Primate

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, 2025 FROM THE OFFICE OF PRIMATE OF ECSS

My dear fellow South Sudanese,

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

(Luke 2:11)

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the priceless gift of God’s love made flesh among us. This celebration finds our nation facing harsh economic challenges, widespread insecurity in many parts of the country, and delays in the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. Yet, Christmas reminds us that light shines in the darkness, hope is renewed, and peace is offered to all humanity.

It is our prayer that together we open our hearts, our communities, and our beloved country, South Sudan, to become the Bethlehem where Christ is born. May we allow the newborn Child, lying in the manger, to give meaning to our lives and to the challenges confronting our nation.

We pray that in all your celebrations, the spirit of true reconciliation, peace, and joy may be renewed in each of you. May the newborn Christ fill your hearts and homes with His peace and love.

We wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas and a New Year 2026 filled with God’s grace.

The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama

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