

Morning Prayer and Carol Singing

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The 1st Sunday after Christmas: The Holy Name of Jesus

Prelude

All stand as they are able.

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

Behold, the dwelling of God is with humanity. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God will be with them, and be their God.

Revelation 21:3

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 644

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,

1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

Invitatory and Psalter

The Presider says

Alleluia. To us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Jubilate: *Psalm 100*

to be prayed in unison

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve you with gladness, and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you, and call upon your Name.
For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Alleluia. To us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 8

*to be prayed responsively, beginning with the women, followed by **the men***

- ¹O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ²**Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him, *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶**You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- ⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- ⁸**All sheep and oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰**O LORD our Governor, ***
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Here ends the Reading.

Remain seated.

Canticle 16

Hymnal 444



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.____
 the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Here ends the Reading.

Remain seated.

Third Reading

Luke 2:15-21

A Reading from Luke.

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Here ends the Reading.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world,

our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people may then remain standing, or kneel as they are able

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Presider says

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the churches, that united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare that their mourning may be turned into joy: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For all families, both blood relations and those we choose, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We remember all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St James', Birmingham; Mother of the Savior, Dearborn; and St Gabriel's, Consuelo, in the Dominican Republic; those in La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; and for all the members of Christ's body; that they may rejoice in your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For this assembly; for the sick [especially for _____]; for those who have died [especially _____]; and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate Word. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Presider Rejoicing in the company of Mary the God-bearer, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we offer these prayers, and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carols!

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

It came upon the midnight clear

Hymnal 89

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give
 still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Carols may then be suggested by the congregation, stating the book and number and the two verses desired to be sung.

A General Thanksgiving

The Presider says

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Accept our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. **Amen**

Presider Let us go forth in the love of the Father who created us,
 rejoicing in the Son who was born on earth for us,
 and in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help in these days of high food costs. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food In-Gathering is January 22**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Jan. 1 The Holy Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
- 2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah: First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945
- 3 William Passavant: Prophetic Witness, 1894
- 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, Vowed Religious and Educator, 1821
- 5 Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, c.4th-5th cen.
- 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
- 8 The Baptism of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

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January 1, 2023 The Holy Name of Jesus

Galatians 4:4-7

Titles, a kind of name, give nuance to our identities and reveal how we are related to one another. This passage from Galatians illuminates a change in title that drastically changes our relationship to God. The author states that we were once “slaves” but now have been “adopted” and are called God’s children and heirs.

The language of slave maybe it difficult for many of us to relate to, but perhaps we can use the word employee to gain insight to how this change has impacted us? Neither slaves nor employees of a manager are loved by their manager in the way that a parent loves their child. Further, it would be unusual for a slave or employee to be the beneficiary or heir of the wealth of a manager. A child of a parent, however, is loved and also heir to all the good things of their parent.

In this light, when we consider this change in title—from slave to child and heir—we can rejoice in this good news of who we have become in relationship to our divine parent.

- What titles do you currently hold and what do they tell others about who you are?
- Have you ever had a change in title that drastically effected the way that you were able to relate to others?
- When you consider that God has called you child and heir to kingdom of God, does it change the way you think about how you relate to God on a daily basis?

Luke 2:15-21

In our gospel passage, we learn that Jesus was given his name even before being conceived in his mother’s womb. Likewise, the shepherds who had come to see him told Mary that even before Jesus had been born that they have been visited by angels who told them that he would be the messiah.

This story begs the question, when is it that we truly become who we have been created to be? Frederick Buechner describes our divine calling as “*the place where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.*” Surely Jesus found this to be true of his calling in the world and perhaps as we mediate on this idea, we too might discover some new calling or possibly even revitalize one that we have known but have allowed to lay dormant for too long.

- What do you believe your calling is in the world?
- What deep needs of the world are clearly visible to you?
- What talent or skills do you possess that bring you great joy and gladness?
- Where do your answers to the first two questions intersect and how does it inform what you believe your calling to be?

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