

Sunday 1st January 2023

2nd Sunday of Christmas / Naming of Christ

Reading 1: Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel: Luke 2: 15 – 21

Happy New Year everyone!

Proclamation:

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
and we beheld His glory. Jn 1:14

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with us.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us be glad in it.

Psalm: 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Song: (*click link*) O Lord my God <https://youtu.be/USM71JqV30o>

Invitation to Confession

As we come to the Lord at the start of this New Year,
let us seek His grace to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession:

Have mercy on me, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

Make in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious Spirit. Amen.

Absolution:

May the God of healing and forgiveness
draw us to Himself
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of His Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading1: Galatians 4: 4 – 7

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

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel: Luke 2: 15 – 21

¹⁵ When 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.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and

all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Jesus Is Named

²¹ After 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.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song: *(click link)* *What Child is this* <https://youtu.be/wO8gluGa-tM>

Talk: *(Click link)* <https://youtu.be/36KHD8gs6Hw>

The Creed *Let us declare our faith in God;*

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts by faith,
and fills us with His love.³

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into His own marvellous light.

Christ born for us,
Son of God given for us:
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you.....
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Wonderful Counsellor,
you order all things by your wisdom:
help the church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill her with the Spirit of your truth.....
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.....
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity;
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities.....
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace,
you bring reconciliation through your cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer,
your gift of wholeness and peace: especially for
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
full of the Spirit,
Hear our prayer,
receive our praises,
fill our lives. Amen.

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: grant to thy Church grace to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering;

let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.

Song: (click link) No Other Name <https://youtu.be/uu2t9Nak8QY>

Blessing:

The Lord bless us and watch over us,
the Lord make His face shine upon us
and be gracious to us,
the Lord look kindly on us
and give us peace.....

...and the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us, and all those whom we love,
this day and always. Amen

As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.

Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.