

Gospel

Lk. 2:15-21

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib . . . When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

When the angels had left the shepherds and gone into heaven, they 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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, Lord Christ.**

After Communion

When the time had fully come. God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the law.

Galatians 4:4.5a

THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

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Sentence

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and his name will be called 'Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'
Isaiah 9:6,7

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised and for man's sake became obedient to the Law: purify our hearts and all our members, so that we may die to all sinful desires and in all things obey your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law
and given the Name that is above every name:
grant that we, obedient to his commands,
and faithfully bearing his Name,
may worship him in the freedom of the Spirit
and proclaim him as Saviour of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Num. 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

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- 1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence
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 which you have set in order,
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves
in the pathways of the great waters.
- 10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Gal. 4:4-7

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 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.**