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The Naming of Jesus and Thanksgiving for a New Year

January 1, 2021

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to worship with us this morning.
In spite of the several restrictions, let us rejoice that we can gather and worship in spirit and in truth.
Please take a little time to read the health advisory to ensure the safety of all.
There will be no offertory. You may place your offerings in the box placed at the entrance.

|The Preparation and Gathering|

“Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”

Voluntary
J.S. Bach, BWV 147 (1685 - 1750)

Please stand as the procession enters.

“Another year is dawning”

Opening Hymn
Follow the words as the Cantors sing

1. Another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
in working or in waiting,
another year with Thee;
another year of progress,
another year of praise,
another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
2. Another year of mercies,
of faithfulness and grace,
another year of gladness
in the shining of Thy face;
another year of leaning
upon Thy loving breast;
another year of trusting,
of quiet, happy rest.
3. Another year of service,
of witness for Thy love
another year of training
for holier work above;
another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
on earth, or else in heaven,
another year for Thee.

Words: Frances Havergal (1836 - 79)
Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1810 - 76) Tune: AURELIA

As per Government and Diocesan guidelines, you are requested to strictly adhere to the following: ·

- Please cooperate with the Security as they carry out the mandatory checks before you enter. ·
- Make use of sanitizers kept at the entrance. ·
- Wearing of face covering is mandatory at all times. ·
- Maintain the distance as indicated by the positioning of the chairs. ·
- Please take this service bulletin home with you. It is mandatory to do so. ·
- Leave as soon as the service is over. Please do not gather outside in groups.
- Presently administration of Holy Communion is not allowed. Until further instructions from the Bishop, the service will be that of the Ministry of the Word. Familiarise yourself with the Diocesan advisory.

Opening Acclamation

The Presbyter You will name him Jesus;
All **he will save his people from their sins.**
The Presbyter He will be great;
All **he will be called the Son of the Most High.**
The Presbyter He will be called Emmanuel:
All **God is with us.**
The Presbyter As we rejoice in the gift of this new year,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Penitence and Confession

The Presbyter says:

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.

The Presbyter Jesus, name above all names,
forgive us our lack of reverence and awe in your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Presbyter Jesus, name of our salvation,
forgive us our attempts to live in our own strength.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The Presbyter Jesus, name of life and healing,
forgive us our sins and offences.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, grace to amend our life, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All say the Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil:
for Thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

The Presbyter

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for a New Year

O ETERNAL Lord God, who hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Genesis 17. 3 - 10

AND GOD talked with Abram saying, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

All 1. **O Lord our governor, ♦**

how glorious is your name in all the world!

2. Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
3. You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
4. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
5. What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
6. You have made him little lower than the angels ♦
and crown him with glory and honour.
7. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ♦
and put all things under his feet,
8. All sheep and oxen, ♦
even the wild beasts of the field,
9. The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

All 10. **O Lord our governor, ♦**

how glorious is your name in all the world!

The Epistle

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2: 11 - 18

THEREFORE, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) — remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

“God rest you merry gentlemen”

Carol

While seated, listen to the Cantors sing.

1. God rest you merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
Is drawing to a pace;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.

A traditional English Carol

All stand

The Gospel Acclamation

The Cantors intone

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

Galatians 4.4,5

The Gospel of Christ

St. Luke 2.15-21

When the Gospel is announced all say **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Christ

All say **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing and recite together.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

| The Sharing of the Peace |

All stand

The Presbyter

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All

And also with you.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

| The Prayers of the People |

Intercessor

In and through the name of Jesus let us pray to the Father.
*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.*

We give thanks for the name of Jesus. We pray for the worship and mission
of Christ's Church here in our Diocese, the *Church of North India* and the
Church worldwide . Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

*It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.*

We pray for the world and for its healing.
We pray for all who carry heavy loads.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

*Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.*

We pray at the beginning of this new year,
for renewed discipleship and consecration to the way of the Lord.
Lord hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Continued overleaf. Turn over.

Intercessor

*Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved the name of Jesus.
We pray that, surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, we may run with
perseverance the race that is set before us. Merciful Father,

All

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

“Lord for the years”

Hymn at the Closing

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
3. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
Music: Bishop Michael Baughen (b. 1930)*

The Dismissal

The Presbyter Jesus, Lord of time,
All **hold us in your eternity.**
The Presbyter Jesus, image of God,
All **travel with us the life of faith.**
The Presbyter Jesus, friend of sinners,
All **heal the brokenness of our world.**
The Presbyter Jesus, Lord of tomorrow,
All **draw us into your future. Amen.**
The Presbyter Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

“Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich”
 (“The day is so full of joy”)

Postlude
J.S. Bach, BWV 605

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