Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

‘You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.’

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

Jesus, name above all names,

forgive us our lack of reverence and awe in your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, name of our salvation,

forgive us our attempts to live in our own strength.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, name of life and healing,

forgive us our sins and offences.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Collect

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.

Lectionary

Principal Service

Numbers 6.22-end
Psalm 8
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

Second Service

Deuteronomy 30.[1-10]11-end
Acts 3.1-16

Evening Psalm

Psalm 115

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

_Galatians 4.4,5_

Alleluia.

_Intercession_

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 ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*Introduction to the Peace*

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.

*Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Jesus, true joy of loving hearts,
we turn unfilled to you again.

Come and be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

*Preface*

And now we give you thanks
because you have highly exalted him,
and given him the name which is above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

*Extended Preface*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you that on the eighth day
he was circumcised in obedience to the law of Moses,
that he might fulfil the law and reveal to us your grace and truth.

For here is foreshadowed
his perfect self-offering upon the cross,
the shedding of his blood to set us free from sin and death.

In baptism we die with him and are raised in him,

that we might walk in newness of life,

and proclaim the wonders of his saving name.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Eternal God,

whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:

grant that we who have shared

in this sacrament of our salvation

may live out our years in the power

of the Name above all other names,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

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.
You will name him Jesus;

he will save his people from their sins.

He will be great;

he will be called the Son of the Most High.

He will be called Emmanuel:

God is with us.

Short Passages of Scripture

The Law was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1.17

Whatever you do, in word or deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3.17

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