

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.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-end

A reading from the book of Numbers.

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."

PSALM Psalm 8

R O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in
all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens
is praised out of the mouths of
babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold
against your foes, that you

might still the enemy and the
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you
have ordained,
What is man, that you should be
mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should
seek him out? **R**

You have made him little lower
than the angels
and crown him with glory and
honour.
You have given him dominion
over the works of your hands
and put all things under his
feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of
the sea
and whatsoever moves in the
paths of the sea. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Galatians.*

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.

GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

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." 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.

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.

