

The Eve of the Name of Jesus
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Collect of the Day

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Aaron’s Blessing* Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Heb. 8:10; 10:17

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel*

after those days, de- | clares the Lord:

I will put my laws in- | to their minds,*

and write them | on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.*

I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.

Epistle *The Law and the Promise* Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse Matthew 1:21

Alleluia. Alleluia.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name | Jesus,*

for he will save his people | from their sins.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *The Naming of Jesus* Luke 2:21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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