

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Name Jesus was not the name that Mary and Joseph chose for the Holy Child, but the name conferred by the Father on His only-begotten Son (*Collect*) and given by the angel before the Child was conceived in the womb (*Gospel*). Since it means "Savior," Jesus is the Name of our salvation (*Chief Hymn*) and the only Name by which we must be saved (*Epistle*). Therefore, at the mention of His Name, every head and knee should bow, and every tongue confess Him as the Lord and Savior (*Introit*). In this way all flesh shall bless His holy name.

### Introit

*Psalm 8:1; antiphon: Philippians 2:10-11*



**P** At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those un- | der the earth, \*  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the  
glory of God the | Father.

**G** O | LORD, our Lord, \*  
how excellent is Your name in | all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven,  
and of those on earth, and of those un- | der the earth, \*  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the  
glory of God the | Father.

### Collect of the Day

O God, who appointed Your only-begotten Son the Savior of mankind and gave Him the name of Jesus, mercifully grant that we, who worship His Name on earth may joyfully behold Him forever in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament

*Exodus 3:1-15*

In those days Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this

great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16*

**P** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the | Gentiles  
\*

to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph | in Your praise.

**G** You, O Lord, are our | Father, \*  
our Redeemer from everlasting | is Your name.

### Epistle

*Acts 4:8-12*

In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a

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## This Week's Psalm

This week's Psalm is Psalm 72.

This Epiphany Psalm speaks of Our Lord's justice and righteousness for all people. No one is left out (vv 4, 8) and His kingdom will be refreshing and beneficial as a spring rain (v. 6). The gifts and presents that are brought to this King by kings are the worship that he deserves (v 10, 11). But His gift is even greater—deliverance, redemption, help, salvation, sparing the life of the poor and needy (vv 12-14). Is it any wonder, then, that His Faithful praise Him daily and bless His name, and that he church endures and flourishes even when the unfaithful predict its demise? (vv 15-19).

### Prayer

O Lord, to whom the kings and the isles bring gifts, who with unconquered power and through Your heavenly pity came to save the poor from the mighty and frail mankind from the sway of the ancient enemy, seeing that we are far from You and in need of Your mercies, that we are subject to his unrighteousness and bound with the chains of our sins: let Your loving-kindness deliver us from his service, restore us to You, and keep us safely to abide with You that we, who confess ourselves redeemed by Your mercy may hereafter glory in the gifts attained by Your bounty; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the Stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the Cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*Psalm 145:21*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD:  
and all flesh shall bless His holy name.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*St. Luke 2:21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, second chapter.

**C** (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time, 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.**

## The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.

—Romans 10:13

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