

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
The Naming of Jesus: Sunday 1st January 2017

Receiving Communion

Anyone who is baptised in the Name of the Trinity is welcome to receive Communion in this church. When you come to receive, hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine. If you would like a blessing instead, please indicate by holding your service book in your hands. Children under 5 can receive the bread. Over 5's may receive either bread and wine or the bread alone as parents decide. If you are not yet baptised, please speak to us. We would love to welcome you into the family of the Church.

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Numbers 6:22-27)

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (Psalm 8)

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 a/gainst your / foes :
that you might still the / enemy / and the a/venger.

When I consider your heavens, the / work of your / fingers :
the moon and the / stars that / you have or/dained,

What are mortals, that you should be / mindful / of them :
mere human beings, that / you should / seek them / out?

You have made them little / lower • than the / angels :
and / crown them with / glory and / honour.

You have given them dominion over the / works of your / hands :
and put / all things / under their / feet,

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.

O / Lord our / governor :
how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

SECOND READING (Galatians 4:4-7)

But 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL (Luke 2:15-21)

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 before he was conceived in the womb.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and

obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Notices

Today – Sunday 1st January

5:00pm New Years Day service at St Martins

Wednesday 3rd January

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

7.00pm LMA Ministry Team meeting at the Vicarage

Friday 6th January (The Epiphany of Our Lord)

11:00am Holy Eucharist followed by tea and toast at St Marys

Saturday 7th January

11:00am Celebration of 20 years of Women's Priesting at St Davids Cathedral

Sunday 8th January

Epiphany 1

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

9:30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest

10:15am Holy Eucharist at St Ishmael's, Camrose

11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Haverfordwest

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