

### 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 6:22-27

*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.

