

Sunday, January 1, 2017

The Naming of Jesus

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #132 “Of Eternal Love Begotten”

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Liturgy for the New Year

Celebrant A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

People **O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.**

Celebrant The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People **O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.**

Celebrant We enter this New Year with hope and excitement.

People **O Lord, remind us that you lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to you, and worship you. Amen.**

Celebrant God of the past, accept the people we have been and the baggage we drag behind us.

God of the present, accept the people we are now and the potential that lies within us.

God of the future, accept the people we could be and by your Spirit transform us.

In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

A Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Reader A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Celebrant Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time for welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal One, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Numbers 6:22–27

Reader A reading from the Book of Numbers.

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

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

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

²⁷ So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #491 St. Magnus

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| 1 | O Lord our God, in all the world
Your glory we acclaim;
The mouths of infants, children's lips,
You majesty proclaim. | 4 | Yet you have made us only less
Than angels, and you crown
Our lives with glory, give us rule
To earth's remotest bound. |
| 2 | You set against the enemy
A fortress high and strong
To quell the adversary's might
And those who do us wrong. | 5 | All sheep and oxen, beast and birds,
We rule in your great Name;
O Lord our God, in all the world
Your glory we acclaim. |
| 3 | When I look up and see the moon
And stars in heaven above,
Lord, why should you remember us
And visit us in love? | | |

Blessed are you, creator of heaven and earth; amid the immensity of the universe, you are mindful of us and seek us out. Blessed are you for the gift of your Son, who humbled himself to share our life that we might be raised with him to glory and splendour. Blessed be your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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Second Reading:

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #715 “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told

Philippians 2:5–11

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them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ 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.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Favourite Carol Sing

#140 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” verses 1, 3, 5

#145 “Good King Wenceslas”

v. 1 – everyone; v. 2 – women; v. 3 – men; v. 4 – women; v. 5 – everyone

#120 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” verses 1, 2, 4

#123 “Once in Royal David’s City”

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader God, in the passage of time,
People **hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist**Offertory Hymn #153 "Good Christians All, Rejoice"****The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, the name of Jesus brings salvation to the world. In all we offer you this day, may we honour him, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer #1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Arranged by
Michael Leach

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Anointing**The Lord's Prayer** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.****The Breaking of the Bread #6**

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Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.*People* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.****Lamb of God** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.****The Communion**

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing. If you would like to receive this ministry, please come forward and then proceed to the Gospel Side (left-hand side) of the church.

Communion Hymns

#146 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

#125 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Prayer after Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Father, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may turn always to that name which is above all others, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.****Prayer for Anointing****Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.****Blessing***Celebrant* As we leave today going into a future as yet unmapped, may we take faith with us as we go; into the parts of our lives not yet travelled by love; into the parts of the world unexplored by grace; let compassion and hope be the roads that we follow today and always; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love and all whom you serve, this day and always. **Amen.****Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Recessional Hymn #154 "Joy to the World"**Dismissal***Subdeacon* God invites us into his future, where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us. God in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

There will be no Sunday School today. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from your Sunday School team – Kathy, Debbie, Geoff, Collene, and Leonard

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
	3rd Sunday of the month (AAWE)	

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAWE (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria
Churchwardens	
People’s Warden	Max Wynter
Rector’s Warden	Aili Maki