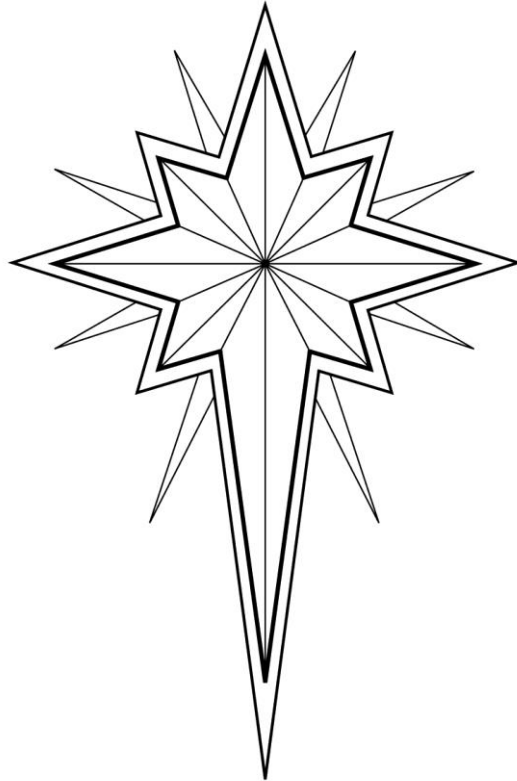


**ST CUTHBERT'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLINTON**

**The Naming of Jesus  
Sunday 1 January  
2023**



*Welcome to the morning service.*

*Please stand as the choir and clergy enter*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN 52 – At the name of Jesus

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel*

**God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

GLORIA (*Sung*)

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

#### 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*

GRADUAL HYMN 227 – Glory to God!

*Please remain standing*

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to Christ our Saviour.** (*Sung*)

GOSPEL READING: 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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.** *(Sung)*

*Please sit*

SERMON

*(We pause to listen to a short piece of music for personal reflection)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please stand*

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

*Please stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN 383 – Jesus, good above all other

*Please remain standing*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made;  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;  
it will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, for whom Christ Jesus humbled himself and became poor to make us rich, we offer you praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**



*Please sit or kneel*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension;**

**and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, St Cuthbert, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
All are welcome to receive.

*All are welcome to receive Communion, or if you would  
prefer, please come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

*CHOIR ANTHEM – I said to the man who stood at the gate of  
the year – Robin Stewart*

COMMUNION HYMN 424 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to our gracious God  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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 other, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Please stand to sing*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 14 –  
All hail the power of Jesus' name

### BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**