

Sunday 27th December The first Sunday of Christmas

*Young men and women, old and young together; •
let them praise the name of the Lord. Psalm 148.12*

This Sunday can also be known as the Naming of Jesus. Our readings all speak of his holy name. Isaiah refers to a new name that God will give. Psalm 148 ask us to praise the name of the Lord. Paul in his letter to the Galatians reminds that we are children of God crying Abba Father. Luke records that after 8 days Mary's baby was named Jesus just as the Angel had said.

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

We read the Gospel Luke 2.15-20

We sing **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven
To live with Thee there.

We pray:

*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*

Sunday worship resumes on **Sunday 3rd January 2021 at 9.45 am**

Please contact any of us if you need to talk or simply to have a chat.

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Take care of each other and remember God is good