



Feast of the Holy Family

Solemn High Mass – 10 am

Second Sunday after Christmas

2 January 2011

We welcome you to St. James'. In Anglican use, the Second Sunday after Christmas is informally observed as the Feast of the Holy Family. Today, we discover a new dimension of the Incarnation: that God becomes so completely human as to be subject to human parents and thus to live the whole human experience.

We welcome people of every background to this celebration. All baptized Christians, including children, are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. *Larger print hymns can be found in the red hymnal in your pew rack.*

Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the altar party.

Introit

The Celebrant first sings the Introit:

Antiphon Ps. 24, 25

Psalm Ps. 24, 2-5

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son ||
and to the | Ho - ly SPIR - it.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever | SHALL be, ||
world without | END. A - men.

The Antiphon is repeated.

Entrance Hymn 102 *Once in royal David's City*

The altar party goes to the Crèche as verses 1-3 are sung.

Station at the Crèche

Celebrant O worship the Lord.
People In the beauty of holiness.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your wondrous holiness you adorned a human home, and by your subjection to Mary and Joseph you consecrated the order of earthly families: Grant that we, enlightened by the example of your holy Family, and assisted by their prayers, may be joined with them in your eternal fellowship; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The altar party proceeds to the altar as verses 4-6 of "Once in royal David's city" are sung.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

People

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Gloria in excelsis (Hymn 421) *All glory be to God on high*

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

All sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord. (*Jeremiah 31:7-14*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8

Remain seated.

Refrain – sung by Celebrant and repeated by all

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O Lord of hosts!

Verses – sung by Celebrant

A How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God. **Refrain**

B Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **Refrain**

C Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. **Refrain**

D LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed. **Refrain**

New Testament

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. (*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 587

Our Father, by whose Name

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose Name all fa - ther - hood is known,
2 O Christ, thy - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spi - rit, who dost bind our hearts in u - ni - ty.

who dost in love pro - claim each fam - i - ly thine own,
with heart still un - de - filed, thou didst to man - hood come;
who teach - est us to find the love from self set free,

bles - thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless, in ev - ery place, that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease, that ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which thy peo - ple dwell,
hold thy face, and know - ing thee may grow in grace,
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Gospel Alleluia

All stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant sings this verse:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

The People repeat the Alleluia Verse.

Holy Gospel

All stand.

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

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

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. (Luke 2:41-52)

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Father Chris King

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

Prayers of the People

Remain standing.

The Lay Assistant announces the particular intercessions from the steps and the People are encouraged to include their own prayers and thanksgivings. The Intercessor then leads the Prayers:

As we celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus to Jews, let us offer prayers to God who gathers his sons and daughters in a holy family, saying, "Glory and praise to you, O living God."

By the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Lawrence our bishop, Rowan the Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine our Primate, for the priests, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

God of all families and peoples, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. As we welcome this mystery of your love, may we delight in our joy as children and heirs of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements & Blessings

Please be seated

If you are planning to travel, or need healing, please come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions are invited to come forward together. The Celebrant blesses each person individually. The Celebrant then says:

To (name), O Lord, grant long life and peace and protection and many years.

The congregation then sings:

When the blessings are concluded, the Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence.

Liturgy of the Altar

During the Offertory Hymn, representatives of the congregation, with the children, bring the people's offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, money and food for those in need, to the Celebrant.

The people stand while the offerings are presented, placed at the Altar and censured.

The Celebrant performs the lavabo (washing of hands) and then prays inaudibly that he may offer the Eucharist worthily: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at my hands, for our good and the good of all his church."

Offertory Hymn 119

As with gladness men of old

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Celebrant and People

Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James the brother of our Lord, Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, William Passavant, Elizabeth Seton, Harriet Bedell and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Celebrant genuflects while the altar party bows in adoration of the Lord in his Eucharist. The People make a silent Act of Worship after their own custom.

The Celebrant then says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by all.

Unison or Harmony
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, had - loved be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
Slightly faster
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem (Hymnal S161)

Sung by all.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Presentation & Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome and encourage all baptized persons, including children, to receive Holy Communion. The response when receiving is "Amen."

To receive by intinction, hold your hands together in prayer, and the Priest will communicate you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward for a blessing from the Priest.

A period of quiet recollection follows the Holy Communion.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christmas Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one 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.**

The Blessing of Chalk for Epiphanytide

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People **Who made heaven and earth.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Bless +, O Lord God, this creature chalk, and let it be a help to your people. Grant that those who use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The chalk is used in Christian homes to inscribe the year and the initials of the three Magi on the lintel of the front door, like this: 20+C+M+B+11. The C+M+B may also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ, bless this home).

Postcommunion Hymn 124

What star is this

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 veiled in earth - ly night, so God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring,
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gate,
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign,
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to see,
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Mass being ended, the Celebrant and altar party repair to the sacristy for brief prayers after Mass. The Celebrant returns immediately.



St. James of Jerusalem Episcopal Church

2 January 2011



Services for Christmastide & Epiphanytide



Feast of the Epiphany with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 6 at 7 pm

The Epiphany is one of the Church's "high holy days", when we venerate the Lord's manifestation as Christ to the nations. A quiet, spoken word service in the side chapel, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptism of the Lord with the Great Blessing of the Waters

Sunday, January 9, 8 & 10 am

In this extraordinary service, the Church recalls Christ's baptism in the Jordan and our baptismal incorporation into Him. At the 10 am service, we will also bless holy water using a special liturgy for the day.

Upcoming Events

Epiphany Home Blessings

January 6 – February 11 & February 24 – March 8

It is traditional for the parish priest to bless homes during Epiphanytide. If you would like Father Chris to bless your home, please contact him at frchris@stjameslongbeach.org.

Parish Annual Meeting & Pancake Brunch

Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 9 AM

Please be sure to attend this important meeting of the whole parish, as we conduct essential business and elect new members to the vestry. The meeting will begin immediately after Mass (only one service). A pancake brunch will follow in the parish hall downstairs. We will also take our 2011 Parish Family Photo.

Offertory Sentence: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and the gift of his immeasurable grace. Accordingly, let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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Quietly consider...

Reflect on how God is calling you, like Jesus, to increase not only in years but in wisdom. Where are you strong, or lacking, in wisdom?

Prayer Starter

God, I want to grow like Jesus in divine and human favor. Help me to...

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Ann	Mae Clarke	Alan Mason
Eleanor	Bob Cottrell	Eileen McCarthy
Ellen	Laurie Hasin	Craig Perry
John	Patricia Hasin	Nick Primavera
Kay	Quentin Hunter	Linda Roganti
Marc	Ellen Kase	Bill Salveson
Melody	Bernie Keller	Audrey Washinger
Steven Bank	John W. King	Darlene Wells
Ann Carlo	Suzanne Leguerre	

Celebrations

Chris McNamee (B 1/5), Denis & Eleanor Nicholson (WA 1/7), Eileen McCarthy (B 1/9)

Saints & Holy Days

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah (1/2), William Passavant (1/3), Elizabeth Seton (1/4), **The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ** (1/6), Harriet Bedell (1/8)

Coffee hour hospitality today is provided by Florence Hall. Thank you, Florence!

- ◆ **The next vestry meeting will be on Sunday, January 9.**
- ◆ **Thank you for bringing food donations!**
- ◆ **Bible Study resumes this week. Thursday, December 31 at 6:30 pm. In the Vicarage.**
- ◆ **Help make Sunday hospitality special - volunteer to "host" coffee hour. Sign up sheet on the information table or contact Moses Powell: medmass2000@yahoo.com.**
- ◆ **2011 Offering Envelopes are now available for pledging households. Margie Fraser oversees their distribution.**

Reflection & Response

Today we continue to celebrate the entrance of the Son of God into the world

Only Luke tells of the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem at age 12—the time a boy became a man and fully a member of the Jewish community. Since in Jesus' time there was no idea of personal-development from childhood to adult, Luke presents the child as already demonstrating the characteristic teaching wisdom that will be observed later in the adult Jesus.

Thus Luke offers a preview of Jesus later life and ministry that will be dedicated to the proclamation of God's kingdom. But for now he returns to an obscure life in Nazareth with his family.

As in the child Jesus, so in us God comes to dwell in the world. In us God chooses to reveal the truth, confounding the wisdom of the world. By baptism, we are adopted as children of God. In the Eucharist, our relationship to God is affirmed and revealed. God continues to come into the world and has chosen us as the primary instruments to reveal that coming.

Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ is observed on January 1, the eighth day after the birth of Jesus, when he was named and circumcised. He was “called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb” (Luke 2:21). Under the Law of Moses, all male infants were to be circumcised on the eighth day after birth (Leviticus 12:3). It was also customary at this time for family and friends to witness the naming of the child.

The name “Jesus” is from the Hebrew *Joshua*, or *Yehoshuah*, “Yahweh is salvation” or “Yahweh will save.” Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is particularly derived from Philippians 2:9-11, which states that God highly exalted Jesus “and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” This scriptural devotion is paraphrased by the hymn “At the name of Jesus” (Hymn 435) in the 1982 hymnal. Other hymns that express devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus include “To the name of our salvation” (Hymns 248-249) and “Jesus! Name of wondrous love!” (Hymn 252).

Liturgical celebration of Jesus’ circumcision began in the Gallican Church. The Council of Tours (567) called for January 1 to be observed as a fast day to counter pagan celebrations of the beginning of the new year. This day was also traditionally associated with devotion to the Virgin Mary. Celebration of the Feast of the Name of Jesus dates from the end of the middle ages. In the fifteenth century, the Franciscans Bernardino of Siena (1380-1444) and Giovanni Capistrano (1386-1456) encouraged devotion to the name of Jesus. This celebration was officially granted to the Franciscans in 1530 for observance on January 14. This feast was introduced into England in 1489 and celebrated on August 7. It was included as a black letter day in the Elizabethan Calendar of the church year in 1561.

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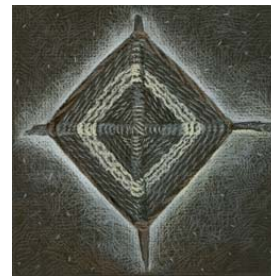
This Week in the Episcopal Church

January 2: On this day in 1945, Vedanayakam Samuel Azariah, the first Indian bishop of the Anglican Church in India, died.

January 3: On this day in 1894, William Passavant, a prophetic witness and Pennsylvania Lutheran pastor who founded many charitable organizations, died. On this day in 1989, the House of Bishops consented to the election of Barbara C. Harris, first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion.

January 4: On this day in 1581, James Usher, Anglican Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 1625-1656, was born. On this day in 1821, Elizabeth Seton, founder of the American Sisters of Charity, a new community that concentrated on education, social ministry, and religious formation, died.

January 6: The Feast of the Epiphany



January 7: On this day in 367, Athanasius wrote a letter containing a list of what he thought should be considered the canon of Scripture, which was later accepted by the church.

January 8: On this day in 1854, Thomas Fielding Scott was consecrated the first missionary bishop of the Oregon and Washington Territories. On this day in 1969, Harriet Bedell, deacon and missionary to the Seminole Indians of Florida and Cheyenne Indians at Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma, died. On this day in 1977, Beverly Messenger-Harris was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York and went on to become the first female rector of an Episcopal parish.

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