

✝ The Holy Name ✝

COLLECT

ETERNAL FATHER, you gave to your incarnate Son the Holy Name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING : Exodus 34:1-8

THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Refrain

How exalted is your Name in all the world!

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name
in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths
of infants and children *
your majesty is praised
above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a
stronghold against your
adversaries, * to quell the
enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your
heavens, the work of your
fingers, * the moon and
the stars you have set in
their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should
be mindful of him? * the son
of man that you should seek
him out?
- 6 You have made him
but little lower than the
angels; * you adorn him
with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery
over the works of your
hands; * you put all things
under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, * even
the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish
of the sea, * and whatsoever
walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name
in all the world!

SECOND READING : Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL : Luke 2:15-21

WHEN THE ANGELS went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

