

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Holy Name of Jesus**

**COLLECT: (*Remain Standing*)**

Eternal Father, who 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: Ecclesiastes 3:3-9,14-17 (*Please be seated*)**

Reader: A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Those who honour their father atone for sins,  
and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure.  
Those who honour their father will have joy in their own children,  
and when they pray they will be heard.  
Those who respect their father will have long life,  
and those who honour\* their mother obey the Lord;  
they will serve their parents as their masters.\*  
Honour your father by word and deed,  
that his blessing may come upon you.  
For a father's blessing strengthens the houses of the children,  
but a mother's curse uproots their foundations.  
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
and will be credited to you against your sins;  
in the day of your distress it will be remembered in your favour;  
like frost in fair weather, your sins will melt away.  
Whoever forsakes a father is like a blasphemer,  
and whoever angers a mother is cursed by the Lord.

My child, perform your tasks with humility\*;  
then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 66

Reader: Let us pray together the words of Psalm 66.

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies  
cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all  
people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of  
refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in  
trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my  
prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## **1st John 2:12-17** *(Please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the book of 1<sup>ST</sup> John.

I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,  
because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,  
because you are strong  
and the word of God abides in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire\* are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **John 6:41-47** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ**