

# Online Worship at Zion: The Name of Jesus

## January 1, 2023

### **+ Gathering +**

#### **Opening Dialogue**

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth. **Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.**  
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, **the desert shall rejoice and blossom.**  
They shall see the glory of the Lord, **the majesty of our God.**  
Nations shall come to your light, **and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**  
This is the Lord for whom we wait; **let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **+ Word and Prayer +**

#### **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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Galatians 4:4-7**

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.

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#### **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.

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## **Homily**

**Music for Reflection: "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

## **Responsive Prayer**

O Lord our God, be gracious to us; **we wait for you.**

Dispel the darkness, **that all nations may come to your light.**

Establish your peace on the earth; **join our voices to sing your praise.**

Comfort the sick and weary; **renew their strength and power.**

O Lord our God, come to us, **that the earth may behold your glory. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**+ Sending +**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal and Peace**

**Sending Music: "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"**

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