

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Scripture context:

Numbers 6:22-27;  
Psalm 8;  
Philippians 2:5-11;  
Luke 2:15-21.

Hymns:

Entrance hymn 450 in The Hymnal 1982, “A;; hail the power of Jesus name, let angels prostrate fall”;  
Sequence hymn 295 in The Hymnal 1982; “Sing praise to our Creator, O you of Adam.s race”;  
Offertory hymn 493, in The Hymnal 1982; “O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer’s praise”;  
Communion hymn 644 in The Hymnal 1982, “How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear”;

When the Lord blesses and keeps us, then we value ourselves and can find people reciting our names with joy. Numbers.

Psalm 8 – O God our governor. How do we voice God....nature’s beauty proclaimed by children and by artists who paint same.

The Philippians passage is thought to be an early Christian hymn. Even though Jesus name was viewed as that of an executed criminal every knee shall bow when they hear that name. When a criminal is executed. I wonder how often their names are recited with love and joy as well as tears. Our relationship to them. Our relationship to his power was seen in our understanding of power being quite different from what most of us envisage....Jesus humbling himself therefore God highly exalted him and God does you and me when we do not claim power for ourselves.

We: are we named executioners?

On Saturday we remember Frances Joseph Gaudet whose concern for the imprisoned extended to remembering them by name in her daily prayers,

Luke – circumcised Jesus named by the angel when still in the womb.  
Subject to Hebrew custom of circumcision.

Hymns: in 493 Hail him who saves you by his grace,,,,the grace of the  
humility of God;

In 644 it heals...look at names in the hymn.

God, I place myself before you, give myself to you.