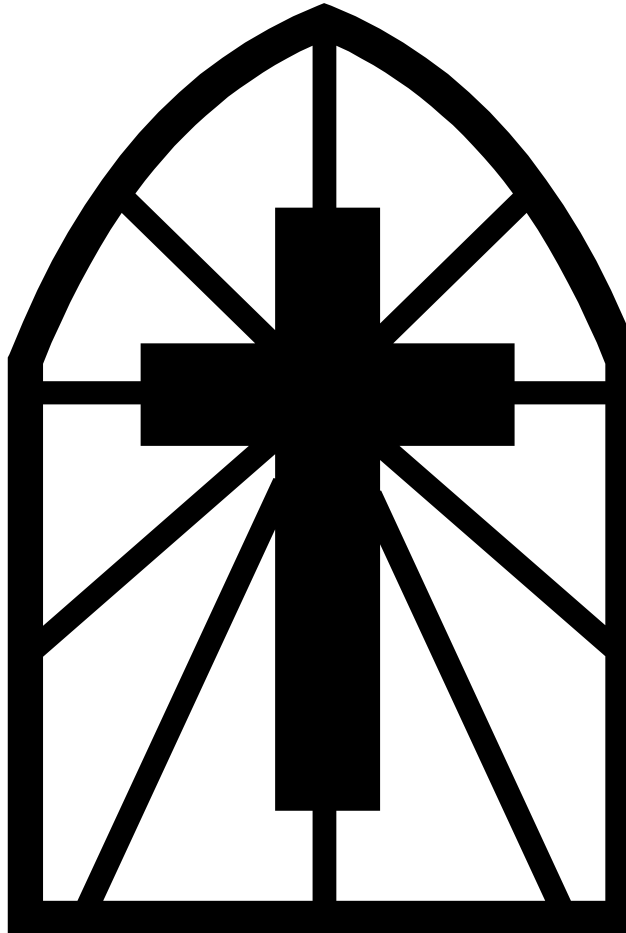


**SAINT PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*Rosedale, New York*



**December 31, 2017**

**watch night mass/feast of the holy name**

The Rev. Steve L. Foster, VI Rector, Preacher and Celebrant  
Mr. Eiichi Shimada, Organist and Choir Director

*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

*All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Promised Land

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 11: 8-12, 26-28  
Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the  
shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, the source of all life, giver of all blessing, and savior of all who turn to you: Have mercy upon this nation; deliver us from falsehood, malice and disobedience; turn our feet into your paths; and grant that we may serve you in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Season for all Things

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

Let us pray.     *(Silence)*

In your wisdom, O Lord our God, you have made all things, and have allotted to each of us the days of our life: Grant that we may live in your presence, be guided by your Holy Spirit, and offer all our works to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### While it is Called Today

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 3: 1-15  
Psalm 95

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long, I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, through your Son you have taught us to be watchful, and to await the sudden day of judgment: Strengthen us against Satan and his forces of wickedness, the evil powers of this world, and the sinful desires within us; and grant that, having served you all the days of our life, we may finally come to the dwelling place your Son has prepared for us; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### New Heaven and New Earth

A Reading from the Revelation to John 21:1-14, 22-24  
Canticle 19

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty and merciful God, through your well beloved Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, you have willed to make all things new; grant that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and may come at last to that heavenly country where your people hunger and thirst no more, and the tears are wiped away from every eye; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit	“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!”	Hymn 450
The Gloria	<i>(Lights up and Censing of the Altar)</i>	BCP page 356
The Collect of the Day		BCP page 213
Lesson:		Numbers 6:22-27
Gradual:	Psalm 8	BCP page 592
Epistle		Galatians 4:4-7
Sequence	“Sing, praise to our Creator”	(’82) Hymn 295
THE HOLY GOSPEL		Luke 2:15-21
The Sermon		Father Foster
The Creed		BCP page 358

### Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the God who travels with us in all our celebrations and tragedies, and understands what it is like to be human. As we celebrate Christmas, when the Word of God became flesh, we pray for the

Church, the Body of Christ. May we be so filled with God’s loving life that our actions touch the world with hope, which lasts even when Christmas decorations are put away. Thank you, Lord God: ***for coming to save us.***

As the world is reminded of love and peace in the words of the carols, may the reality of a God who loves us so much transform our social and political thinking, and energize our plans and negotiations. Thank you, Lord God: *for coming to save us.*

As Christmas brings together family members and friends, and we make contact with those we seldom meet, may all our relationships be nourished with love and forgiveness, and may we value one another more. Thank you, Lord God: *for coming to save us.*

We remember all who are forced to escape from their homes, and live without security; we think particularly of those with young children who are homeless or in danger. We remember the sick and shut-ins of our parish, family and friends. Thank you, Lord God: *for coming to save us.*

We pray for those whose earthly journey has come to an end, and those who have tended them during their dying; we pray for those who have died through violence, and for those who have much to forgive. Thank you, Lord God: *for coming to save us.*

Lord, we recognize our great need of your grace, and give you thanks and praise for making possible what would otherwise be impossible. Thank you, Lord God: *for coming to save us.*

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Confession

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The Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Prince of peace

**People:** fill your hearts and your minds;

**Priest:** and the peace of the Lord be always with you

**People:** and also with you.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory "To the Name of our salvation"

('82) Hymn 248

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP page 367

*Prayer B*

Reception of Holy Communion

"That boy-child of Mary"

LEVAS 25

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"

LEVAS 107

"Blessed be the name!"

LEVAS 78

"There is a name I love to hear"

LEVAS 95

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP page 365

Hymn of Dedication

"Father Let Me Dedicate"

Insert

**Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Insert

The Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

"O for a thousand tongues to sing"

('82) Hymn 493

Organ Postlude

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **Sundays**

Said Mass (Rite I)	8:00 A.M.
Sung Mass (Rite II)	10:00 A.M.
Sunday school (September-June)	10:00 A.M.

### **Weekdays**

Wednesday Morning Prayer	9:30 A.M.
Mass followed by Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Mass followed by Bible Study	7:30 P.M.

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# THE FEAST OF 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: 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.

### **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:** 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.

**GOSPEL:** 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.

## FATHER, LET ME DEDICATE, ALL THIS YEAR TO THEE

Father, let me dedicate, all this year to Thee,  
In whatever worldly state Thou wilt have me be:  
Not from sorrow, pain or care, freedom dare I claim;  
This alone shall be my prayer, glorify Thy Name.

Can a child presume to choose where or how to live?  
Can a Father's love refuse all the best to give?  
More Thou givest every day than the best can claim  
Nor withholdest aught that may glorify Thy Name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare joys that yet are mine;  
If on life, serene and fair, brighter rays may shine;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings, Thee in all proclaim,  
And, whate'er the future brings, glorify Thy Name.

If Thou callest to the cross, and its shadow come,  
Turning all my gain to loss, shrouding heart and home;  
Let me think how Thy dear Son to His glory came,  
And in deepest woe pray on, "Glorify Thy Name."

## A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to *thee*, so  
guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly *thine*, utterly dedicated *unto thee*; and  
then use us, we pray *thee*, as *thou wilt*, and always to *thy* glory  
and the welfare of *thy* people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ. *Amen.*