



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Thursday 1st January 2026 – The Naming of Jesus
Name



Divine injury, prefiguring the Passion: The Circumcision of Christ by Fra Angelico,
in the Fresco Museo di San Marco, in Florence.

Scripture: **Luke 2:21**

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.

Reflection

Today is the Feast of the Naming of Jesus, following Jesus tradition of naming a boy child at their circumcision. There are many names of Jesus - those he was called by his disciples and enemies and those the Messiah is called in the Old Testament prophets. These include King of Kings, Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega, Bread of Life, the Cornerstone and the Good Shepherd. What names (from these or others) for Jesus resonate the most for you?

To Listen

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name and The heavens are telling the glory of God / Cantic of the Sun by Marty Haugen