

you will be called to account for it as well. GOD is very strict with regard to lovelessness: Lovelessness of the children towards their parents, lovelessness of the parents mutually. – „Peace is always in GOD“, Saint Nicholas of Flüe often said. Likewise: „The name of JESUS be your greeting.“ Would that not be nice if you could use this greeting to people in the streets again! – Peace must dwell in your heart. However, it can only dwell in it, if you love and observe GOD's Commandments and instructions above all else. Because peace can only come from GOD! And with this peace in our hearts we could move the world in the name of JESUS to take a turn for the better, as Brother Klaus (Nicholas of Flüe) did and was chosen to be Patron of world peace.

I received from the HOLY SPIRIT the prompting that I as the Church should ask GOD that every poor soul in Purgatory, who with all their love and with contrition pronounces the name of JESUS, may be granted the grace to be redeemed and enter Heaven on today's feast day. I presented this request to GOD also on your behalf.

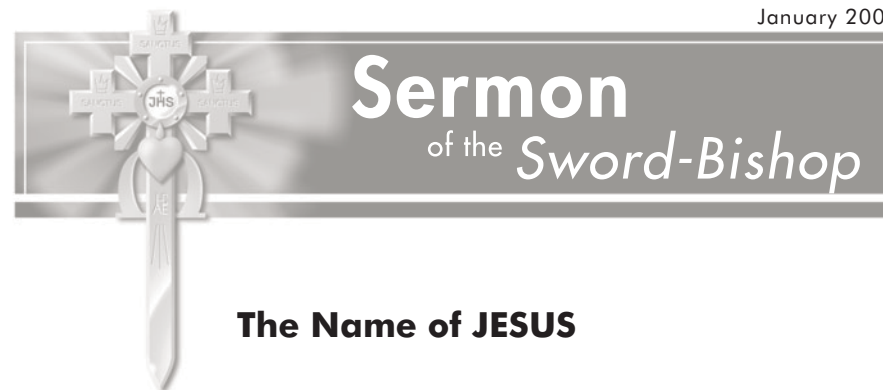
How do you think did Mary pronounce the name of JESUS? Or St. Joseph. With what melodiousness do you think they pronounce this name now in their glory? Only once to hear the very sound of their voices – and you could go out into the desert to meditate about it your whole life long. Amen!



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

The Name of JESUS

My beloved! After so many years of priestly service one should think it would be easy to preach about the name of JESUS. However, if you contemplate this name daily in your heart, you come to the conclusion: Anything you could say about this name – be it in the most noble and most sophisticated manners of speech – it would all be nothing! It would all be mere dust compared to what this name really is. Unless your heart yearns longingly for the preacher's word in order to be able to find confidence, love and faith in the name of JESUS. Because in that case even the simple and clumsy word of the preacher will be effectual provided that the preacher, too, draws his inspiration from GOD with all his heart, otherwise he will preach but chaff.

Sword against Sword

In the Epistle reading it said: „Therefore GOD exalted him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth.“ – So in the name of JESUS lies an unimaginable power with which we could defeat and destroy all hell, if it were according to GOD's plan. Also the name of JESUS has incredible miraculous powers: „In the name of JESUS CHRIST, the Nazarene, [rise up and] walk!“ said Peter to the lame, and the latter jumped to his feet and praised GOD. – Let us be glad if we have to endure hostilities from the Evil One, if we have the privilege to suffer temptations. We have such a wonderful weapon against these temptations: „In the name of JESUS – go away!“ and, as if struck by lightning, these hostile spirits plunge back into hell. Therefore, the Evil One will often approach you in such a deceitful way that you do not recognise him at all, believing that these inner struggles are caused by your own weakness, so that it will never cross your mind to draw the name of JESUS, this sharp, effective sword. But even if you fall

to your knees because of your supposed weakness in order to invoke the name of JESUS, this obnoxious beast will flee in horror, because it cannot endure your trust in JESUS.

It would be a very good sign if you have temptations of the Evil One. In any case, I am often full of emotion and amazement towards GOD: „What? Do You really think that I am such a brave soldier?“ – Because, if a king would assign you a task saying: „Amongst all the others, I see that you are qualified to fight this battle. Go out and fight this fierce enemy!“ would you then pull a gloomy and miserable face about it? – No! Then you would go out: sword against sword! – You will be assaulted by temptation, by enticement to sin and you parry with the sharp, flashing sword: „In the name of JESUS ...!“ – So, use the name of JESUS. Pronounce it with love, in awe, with joy and you will be victorious!

You will certainly have observed: When we pronounce the name of JESUS in our prayers, we bow our head, although hardly noticeably. Likewise, you can express your reverence and love by looking up at Him while calling His name. A genuflection is also no humiliation to me, but it means: „I love You, I venerate You, I worship You!“ It is something wonderful, my beloved, when love and reverence are in your heart at the same time. Then one moment you may jump on the Heavenly FATHER's lap in childlike joy, some other time you may kneel down before Him in deepest, reverential love, with your forehead touching the ground. – Pronounce the name of JESUS in love and reverence in such a way that it will rise up from this sin-darkened earth to Heaven like a song of worship, as praise, as thanksgiving, as a supplication, as a hymn of reconciliation, overcoming evil. Then, I guarantee you, you will have said a better prayer than if you had prayed for hours merely with your lips.

GOD Calls You by Your Name

So today the Church celebrates the name day of the SAVIOUR: „On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the Child, He was named JESUS,“ Holy Scripture says. Circumcision at that time is a prefiguration of today's Baptism and corresponding to this token each Christian receives at Holy Baptism their name as an eternal seal. So you see how highly the Church thinks of name-giving. Consequently, a person's name must also have a very lofty meaning before GOD. Holy Scripture profusely mentions this fact: „He calls His own sheep by name ...“ (John 10,3) – „... I have called you by name ...“ (Isa 43,1) – „... all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life ...“ (Rev 13,8) – „...I have called you by your name and bestowed on you a title of honour ...“ (Isa 45,4)

We also know a number of chosen ones, for whom GOD either selected a name Himself or changed their name: „God also said to Abraham, ‚As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah (princess)!‘“ (Gen 17,15) – „But the angel said to him: ‚...Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.‘“ (Luke 1,13) – „... ‚You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas.‘“ (John 1,42)

So if GOD attaches such great importance to a name – He will once call you by your name –, we should consider very carefully what names we give to our children. And yet we do not even have to choose names of Saints because some day new holy names should also be formed again. But you should consider: „How does it sound when GOD calls this name?“ Job called his daughters: Dove, Cinnamon Blossom and Horn of Beauty. But you should know: If you give your child the name of a Saint, he will have a special intercessor and companion in life. So if the name by which one is called is not a Saint's one, it would be advisable to choose as a further name the name of a holy intercessor. However, know, when you give your child a deviant name or the name of an idol, of a star you admire, and who is in damnation or who will go to damnation after their death, then, of course, this fallen person has a demonic influence on your child. So you see, name-giving should not just be done out of mere sympathy or fun on the part of the parents. And with good reason the Church rejects such counter-divine name-giving at Baptism. Woe to the parents who should know, but who do not have their child baptised in due time and – should he die unexpectedly – GOD cannot call him by his name.

Peace Is Always in GOD

By virtue of the name of JESUS, miracles can be performed and the Evil One be driven out. However, and this should be a matter of course to you, if there is no love in your heart, if you do not care about GOD's Commandments, if you do not strive to live a Christian life, if you do not do your utmost to honour the name of GOD, as the second Commandment commands us to do, then this so holy name will generate no power on your tongue. In fact, it can even become a curse word, bringing you misfortune instead of blessing.

We could move the world with the name of JESUS. But this quarrelling in the hearts, these never-ending quarrels in the families – if you only knew how much they harm the Church. In this way, you will not move anything to the greater glory of GOD! That does not mean that you always have to agree with each other, but you need not quarrel and be spiteful on account of it. Of what avail will it be to you when you gain the whole world by being self-opinionated? Of what use are the things you gain by quarrelling? One day