

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the
midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like
your name, reaches the ends
of the earth; your right
hand is filled with saving
justice.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your
majesty that, just as your
Only Begotten Son was
presented on this day in the
Temple in the substance of
our flesh, so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you
with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord God:
Behold, I send my
messenger, and he will
prepare the way before me.
And the Lord whom you
seek will suddenly come to
his Temple; and the
messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight,
behold, he is coming, says
the Lord of hosts. But who
can endure the day of his
coming, and who can stand
when he appears? For he is

like a refiner's fire and like
fullers' soap. He will sit as a
refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons
of Levi and refine them like
gold and silver, and they will
bring offerings in
righteousness to the Lord.
Then the offering of Judah
and Jerusalem will be
pleasing to the Lord as in
the days of old and as in
former years.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R 8a

**R The Lord of hosts, he
is the king of glory!**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of
glory! **R**

Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the
valiant; the Lord, the valiant
in war. **R**

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in
flesh and blood, Jesus
himself likewise partook of
the same things, that
through death he might
destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the
devil, and deliver all those
who through fear of death
were subject to lifelong
slavery. For surely it is not
angels that he helps, but he
helps the offspring of
Abraham. Therefore he had
to be made like his brothers
in every respect, so that he
might become a merciful
and faithful high priest in
the service of God, to make
propitiation for the sins of
the people. For because he
himself has suffered when
tempted, he is able to help
those who are being
tempted.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia...

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything

according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.