

# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
sing your praise to God.*

1. Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.  
Come into his presence, singing for joy.
2. Know that the Lord is our creator.  
Yes, he is our Father, we are his sons.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi  
3:1-4

*The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his  
Temple.*

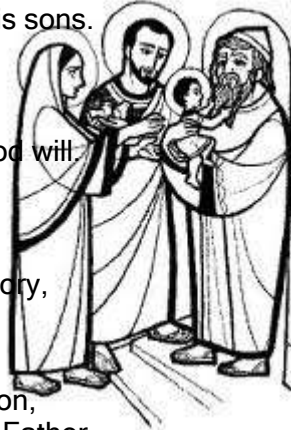
The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send  
my messenger to prepare a way before me. And  
the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his  
Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you  
are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of  
hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his  
coming? Who will remain standing when he  
appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the  
fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and  
purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine  
them like gold and silver, and then they will make  
the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The  
offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be  
welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the  
years of old.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 23:7-10. R) v.8

**R. Who is the king of glory?  
It is the Lord.**

1. O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors,  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. (R.)



## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
2:14-18

*It was essential that he should in this way become  
completely like his brothers.*

Since all the children share the same blood and  
flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his  
death he could take away all the power of the devil,  
who had power over death, and set free all those  
who had been held in slavery all their lives by the  
fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took  
to himself; he took to himself descent from  
Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way  
become completely like his brothers so that he  
could be a compassionate and trustworthy high  
priest of God's religion, able to atone for human  
sins. That is, because he has himself been through  
temptation he is able to help others who are  
tempted.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
2:22-40

*My eyes have seen your salvation.*

\* When the day came for them to be purified as laid  
down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus  
took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord  
- observing what stands written in the Law of the  
Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to  
the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in  
accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord,  
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in  
Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He  
was an upright and devout man; he looked forward  
to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on  
him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit  
that he would not see death until he had set eyes  
on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he  
came to the Temple; and when the parents brought  
in the child Jesus to do for him what the law  
required, he took him into his arms and blessed  
God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'\*

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

\*The Gospel of the Lord. \*

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(All bow)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Take these gifts we offer, Lord,  
take these gifts we offer you.  
Take these gifts and help us, Lord,  
to see you more clearly.



2. Take this bread we offer, Lord,  
take this bread we offer you.  
Take this bread and help us, Lord,  
to love you more dearly.
3. Take this wine we offer, Lord,  
take this wine we offer you.  
Take this wine and help us, Lord,  
to follow you more nearly.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Jesus meek and humble of heart,  
Make my heart like yours.*

Come to me you who are heavily broken  
And I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke and learn from me  
I am meek and humble of heart.

Come to me you who are thirsting for water  
And I will give you drink  
Come and stay beneath my cross.  
From my heart flows living streams

Follow me why do you walk in the darkness?  
When I'm the light of life?  
Come to where my Father dwells  
I'm the way the truth and the life.

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1. O let the Son of God enfold you  
with His Spirit and His love  
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
and His Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Jesus, we thank you for your word of truth  
Jesus, we thank you for the bread of life*

2. O come and sing this song with gladness,  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in brave surrender to His name  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Great indeed are your works, O Lord  
now and evermore!  
Great indeed are your works, O Lord  
now and evermore!*

1. The universe, night and day  
tells of all your wonders  
You are our light and our life  
We shall praise you always
2. You are the path which we tread,  
you will lead us onward  
From every corner of earth  
All the nations gather