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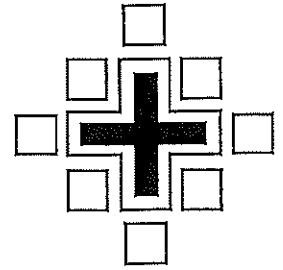
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The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025



INTROIT *Ps. 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: Ps. 48:9*

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city | of our God,*

which God will establish for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 48:1, 8a, 9*

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain!

As we have heard, so | have we seen*
in the city of the | LORD of hosts.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

DAILY READINGS

February 2: Zech. 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6; 3: Zech. 14:1–21; Titus 2:7–3:15; 4: Job 1:1–22; John 1:1–18;
5: Job 2:1–3:10; John 1:19–34; 6: Job 3:11–26; John 1:35–51; 7: Job 4:1–21; John 2:1–12; 8: Job 5:1–27;
John 2:13–25.

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Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

And he worshiped the LORD there.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he 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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-32

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your
servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your
salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people
Israel."