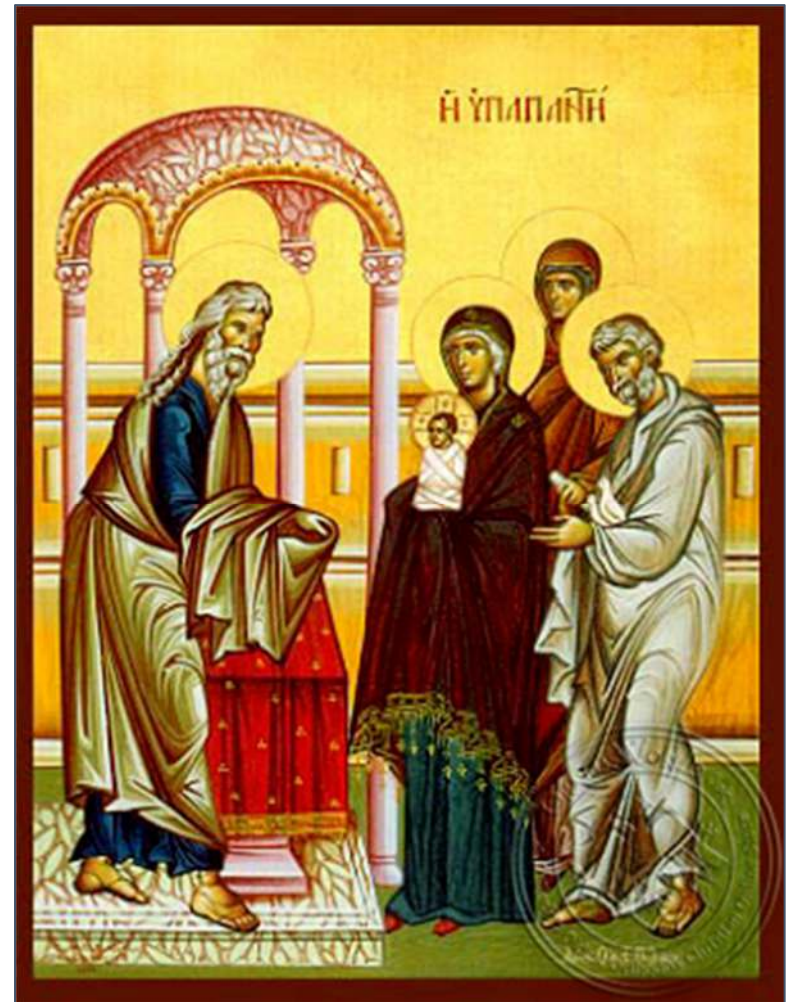


# Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord



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

(Cycle ABC)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Christ Is the World's Light



1. Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none  
2. Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none  
3. Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none  
4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none



oth - er; Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our  
oth - er; No one can serve him and de - spise an -  
oth - er; Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our  
oth - er; Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and



broth - er. If we have seen him, we have seen the  
oth - er. Who else u - nites us, one in God the  
broth - er— He, who re - deems us, reigns with God the  
Fa - ther; Give God the glo - ry, God - with - us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high.  
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Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high.  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high.

### Greeting

✠. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

✠. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

## Closing Hymn

### Light a Candle



1. Light a can - dle in the dark - ness through the  
2. Light a can - dle, warm with car - ing for the  
3. Light a can - dle, firm - ly hold - ing to the  
4. Light a can - dle; in its gleam - ing see a



days of war - ring mad - ness. Light a can - dle; keep it  
fear - ful and de - spair - ing. Light a can - dle, so re -  
dream of Love's un - fold - ing. Light a can - dle in the  
ray of hope now stream - ing. Light a can - dle; keep it



burn - ing. Shine a path for peace re - turn - ing.  
veal - ing ar - dent prayers for hope and heal - ing.  
dark - ness, till we end our war - ring mad - ness.  
burn - ing, ra - diant path for peace re - turn - ing.

## BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

✠ Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon, and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as the Lord, and proclaimed him with joy.

United by the Spirit, may we now go to the altar of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognize him in the breaking of bread until he comes in glory.

✠ Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light,  
Today you revealed to Simeon  
your Light of revelation to the nations.

Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy.  
May we who carry them to praise your glory  
walk in the path of goodness  
and come to the light that shines forever.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

**G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. Et in terra pax homí-  
*Choir:* *All:*  
 ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá- tis. Laudá- mus te. Bene-dí-cimus  
 te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti- as á-gimus  
 ti- bi propter magnam gló- ri- am tu- am. Dómi-ne De- us,  
 Rex cæ-lé-stis, De- us Pa-ter omní- pot- ens. Dómi-ne Fi- li  
 u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dómi-ne De- us, Agnus  
 De- i, Fí-li- us Pa- tris. Qui tollis peccá- ta mun- di, mi-se-  
 ré- re no- bis. Qui tollis peccá- ta mundi, súsci-pe depre-  
 ca-ti- ónem no- stram. Qui sedes ad déxte- ram Pa- tris, mi-  
 se-ré-re no- bis. Quó-ni- am tu so- lus sanctus. Tu so- lus

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Prayer over the People (7)

*Y.* The Lord be with you.

**R.** And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,  
 send your light upon your family.  
 May they continue to enjoy your favor  
 and devote themselves to doing good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

*Y.* And may the blessing of almighty God,  
 the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
 come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**R.** Amen.

### Dismissal

*Y.* The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## Communion Meditation

### Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace

1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace;  
2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare  
3. Child, you are cho - sen as a sign  
4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise,

Let praise and bless - ing here in - crease;  
Your way of life which all may share.  
To test the hu - man heart and mind;  
And tell God's good - ness all our days.

For in our midst your word is done  
Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known;  
For se - crets hid - den in the night  
While breath is ours, let praise be heard

And you have sent your Prom - ised One.  
A - mong the na - tions love is shown.  
Shall be re - vealed in pierc - ing light.  
For God's own faith - ful, sav - ing word.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,  
who did not die  
until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah.  
May this communion perfect your grace in us  
and prepare us to meet Christ  
when he comes to bring us into everlasting life,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-  
cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.**

## Opening Prayer

All-powerful Father,  
Christ you Son became man for us  
and was presented in the temple.  
May he free our hearts from sin  
and bring us into your presence.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Malachi 3:1-4*)

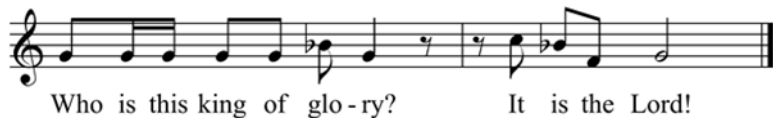
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
And suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner's fire,  
or like the fuller's lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
Refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10*)



Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in!

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

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.

## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

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**A** -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-  
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Ÿ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant  
says:*


Ÿ. The body and blood of Christ.

**R. Amen.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY

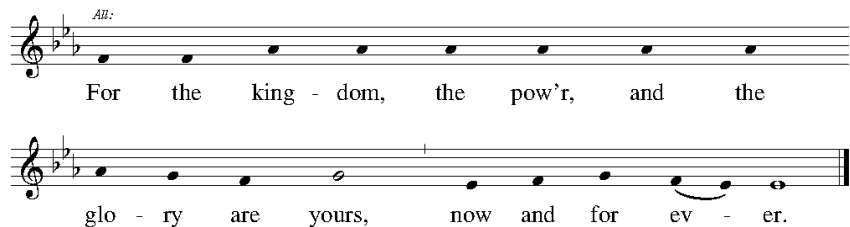
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

℣. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

℣. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℣. Amen.

℣. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in!

℣. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

℣. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

### Reading 2 (*Hebrews 2:14-18*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

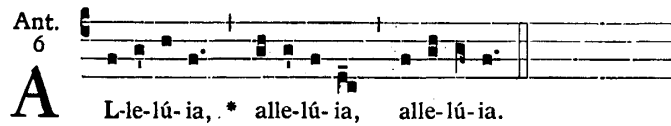
Since the children share in blood and flesh,  
Jesus likewise shared in them,  
that through death he might destroy the one  
who has the power of death, that is, the Devil,  
and free those who through fear of death  
had been subject to slavery all their life.  
Surely he did not help angels  
but rather the descendants of Abraham;  
therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters  
in every way,  
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God  
to expiate the sins of the people.  
Because he himself was tested through what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

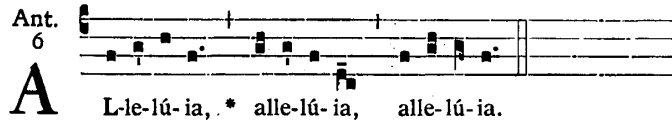
℣. Thanks be to God.



## Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Mk 9:7)



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



## Gospel (Luke 2:22-40)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind),  
their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them  
to his Word.*

℟. Glory to you Lord.

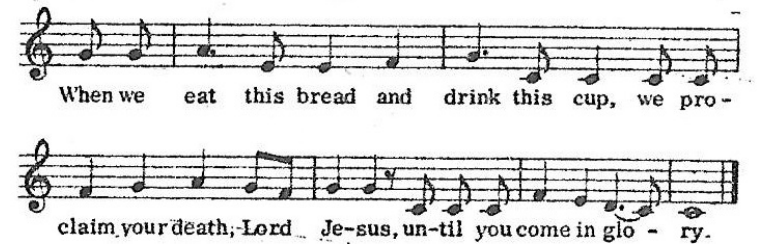
When the days were completed for their purification  
according to the law of Moses,  
Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord,  
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,  
*Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,*  
and to offer the sacrifice of  
*a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,*  
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.  
This man was righteous and devout,  
awaiting the consolation of Israel,  
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.  
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit  
that he should not see death  
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer (IV)

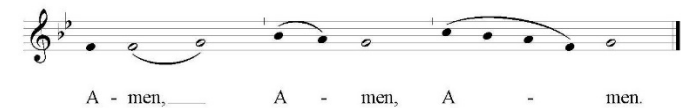
*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the  
celebrant sings:*

℣. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through him, with him and in him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
Forever and ever.





*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Today your Son,  
who shares your eternal splendor,  
was presented in the temple,  
and revealed by the spirit  
as the glory of Israel  
and the light of all peoples

Our hearts are joyful,  
for we have seen your salvation,  
and now with the angels and saints  
we praise you for ever:

*At the conclusion, we sing or say:*

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us

Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a

tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit

in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

He came in the Spirit into the temple;  
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus  
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,  
he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;  
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

“Behold, this child is destined  
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted  
-and you yourself a sword will pierce-  
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna,  
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.  
She was advanced in years,  
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,  
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.  
She never left the temple,  
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.  
And coming forward at that very time,  
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child  
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

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**A** L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

Homily

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*All bow at these two lines*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several  
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

**℟. Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer  
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness  
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands  
have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness  
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,  
accept the gifts your Church offers you with joy,  
since in fulfillment of your will  
your Son offered himself as a lamb without blemish  
for the life of the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

### Preface and *Sanctus* (Presentation P49)



℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.  
℟. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
℟. It is right to give him thanks and praise.