



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.”

Luke 2: 34-35

THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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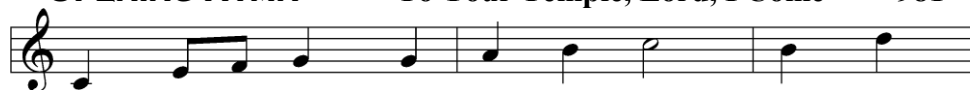
AS WE GATHER Although this day is about the purification of Mary according to the law and the presentation of Jesus as the firstborn of her womb, these are saving acts done on behalf of all of us. This is what Simeon acknowledges when he sings the Nunc Dimittis. Here is the promise of God kept in Christ for his salvation and for the redemption of the Gentiles. Here we see the face of God, the display of His mercy, and the glory long promised. We sing with Simeon in praise of our Savior, while acknowledging that in the Holy Sacrament we see our salvation every bit as much as Simeon saw it in the baby in his arms.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come” 981



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

6 While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

C O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

P Let us confess our sins to God our merciful Father:

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have turned away from You and from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent of our sins and humbly beg Your mercy through Jesus Christ to forgive us all that is past and to move us by Your Spirit to serve You faithfully in the days to come. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon You and has sent His only Son, who suffered for us to forgive us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE**“There Is a Redeemer”****971**

1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Almighty God, You have raised up the faithful in every age and through their faithfulness have preserved the lineage and promise of Your own Son. Grant that we may be made worthy of our entrance into Your house through faith and be preserved in faithfulness of life and speech until our Savior presents us to the Father on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Samuel 1:21-28

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM 84

Refrain

Choir first, then Congregation

RUTH E. MACKIE



Bless - ed are those whose strength is in you, who have



set their hearts on pil - grim - age.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs,
it faints for the courts of the Lord.

Refrain: All

2 Blessed are the people who dwell in your presence;
you are their life, and they joy in your praise.

Refrain: All

3 From strength to strength your people journey on;
each follows till at last he appears before your face.

Refrain: All

4 You bless us with your favor, our sun and our shield;
you grant us every good, and our trust is in you.

Refrain: All

EPISTLE READING

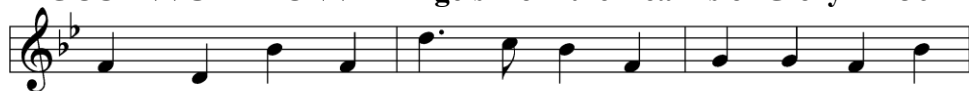
Hebrews 2:14-18

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “Angels from the Realms of Glory” 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “In His Temple Now Behold Him” 519

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P O almighty God, heavenly Father, from Your love, You ordered all things into being and still preserve them. In Your mercy, You bore with us sinners who deserved only wrath and condemnation and raised up the hope and promise of a Savior to redeem us from sin and death. In the fullness of time, You brought forth Your Son in flesh from the virgin Mary, and He fulfilled all Law for us and paid the full price of our redemption in His suffering and death upon the cross. Risen from the dead, He presides over His church in mercy, forgiving our sins and restoring the lost to life and hope through the means of grace. Assembled in His name and according to His Word, we pray You to prepare us joyfully to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Remembering all that our Savior accomplished by His incarnation, His holy life, His life-giving death, and His triumphant resurrection on the third day, we give You thanks that He ascended to Your right hand in order to serve us as our own High Priest. Recalling His promise to come again as Lord and judge, we pray You to preserve us in our baptismal life and to increase faith within us, that we may be steadfast in temptation and trial and be found worthy of eternal life when He comes in His glory. Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"	624
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	739

We stand.

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

