

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

Prayer for the Morning

Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants: come, let us adore! (Roman Missal)

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: LM

His parents to the temple bring
The Temple as an offering.
The righteousness of law he chose
Though to the law he nothing owes.
So, Mary, bring this little one,
Yours and the Father's only Son
Through whom our offering is made,
By whom our ransom price is paid.
And forward, royal Virgin, go
And let rejoicing overflow.
With gifts bring forth your newborn Son
Who comes to rescue everyone.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Glory bright
Who guides the nations into light,
Be praised, and for eternity
Be glorified, O Trinity.

Psalm

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The glory of the Lord entered the temple by the eastward gate, and the house of God was filled with his splendor.

(cf. Ez 43:4-5)

The glory of the living God is made manifest to the eyes of faith and hope in the frail flesh of a child. In baptism we have been made the temple of the living God. Let us welcome the Lord of glory in whatever guise he comes to us in, receiving him in joyful prayer, in purity of heart, and in charity toward all.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.
He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is the king of glory?

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

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 60:2-3, 19c

See, darkness covers the earth,/ and thick clouds cover the peoples;/
But upon you the Lord shines,/ and over you -appears his glory./
Nations shall walk by your light,/ and kings by your shining radiance.
The Lord shall be your light forever,/ your God shall be your glory.
Jesus Christ is the light no darkness can extinguish!

Canticle of Zechariah

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the Lord. (Zec 2:14)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in darkness; the Dayspring from on high has -visited us and given light to those who lived in -darkness. Let us pray:

R/You are the king of glory.

Light from light, - give the light of hope to those who seek your face. **R/**

Light of the world, - give the light of faith to those who dwell in unbelief. **R/**

Light of the nations, – give the light of the Gospel to those who live in ignorance. **R/**

Light triumphant over every darkness, – give the light of love to the aged, sick, and dying who await you in patient faith. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Almighty God, who dwelt among your people in your Temple and called the nations to walk no longer in darkness, dwell among us, we pray, that we may become children of light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Malachi 3:1-4**

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.

Reading 2 **Hebrews 2:14-18**

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.

Gospel **Luke 2:22-40.**

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. 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.]

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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