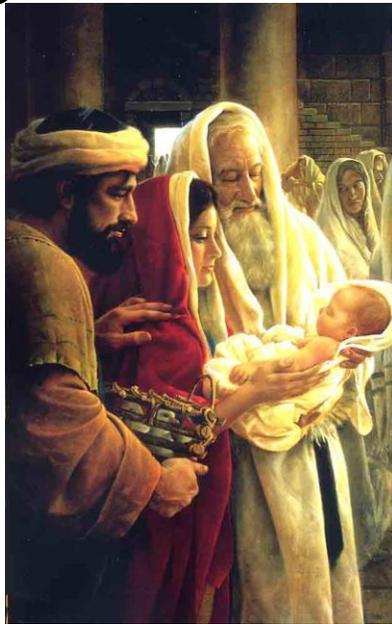


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***THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST***



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Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to thee with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lesson is written in the Third Chapter of the book of Malachi beginning at the first verse

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

- 1** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- 2** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4** Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

- ever singing your praise! Selah
- 5** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6** As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7** They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9** Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
- 10** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- 12** O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

*The Lesson is written in the Second Chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews
beginning at the fourteenth verse*

Since 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, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore 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. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:14-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

† And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now 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. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:22-40