

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord of glory be with you
The Lord bless you.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The Gloria

**Glo-ry to God on Hi-gh
Who made the Earth and
S-ky
Peace to all upon the Earth
Praise Jesus for his royal birth
Our thanks and praise to God we
bring,**

**Sing alleluias to our King
Christ came down to Ear-th
Christ came down to Earth
Jesus God's precious Son
With God has made us one—
By his death upon the cross
Has redeemed us from our
loss—
Risen from the awful grave
For those he came to sa-ve
Jesus hear our pray-er
Jesus hear our prayer**

**Praise Father, Spirit, Son—
Together Three in One—
Reigning from the Father's
throne,
Dwelling in our Heavenly home
The gates of Heav'n flung
wide and free
To welcome you and welcome
me
Praise Father, Spirit Son—
Praise Father, Spirit Son.**

Tune - In Dulci Jubilo

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The Collect

Gospel Reading

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

Alleluia.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with
the law.

Alleluia.

Today old Simeon proclaims
Christ
as the light of the nations and the
glory of Israel.

**Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light
of the world.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

**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, of one**

**being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us and for our salvation he
came down from
heaven, was incarnate from the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with 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, who with the Father
and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who 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.

Prayers

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:
look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:

Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:
look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:
look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,

**through ignorance, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from
all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken
upon us, to give light to those who
dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the
way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with

you
and also with you.

The Table is Prepared

Father, in Christ there has sprung
up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before
you and grant that Christ may
shine in us to the praise and glory
of your name.

Amen.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one
with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the
Temple in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your
people and brings to light the
Image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed
him as the light to lighten...

...the Nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you. And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your Salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after Supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your People and gather into one in your

kingdom all who share this one bread
and one cup, so that we, in the
company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed by your name.

**Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread and for-
give us our sins, as we forgive those who
sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glo-
ry are yours,**

Now and forever. Amen.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Final Responsory

Father, here we bring to an end our
Celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacri-
fice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of
life, to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful
Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his
temple, to trust in your eternal
promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the
world.

**Help us, who extinguish these
candles, never to forsake the light of
Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.
**Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrec-
tion.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his
passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we +bless one another in your
name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.