

# The Purification of Mary Presentation of Our Lord

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## INTROIT

*(Ps. 48:1-3, 8, antiphon: Ps. 48:9)*



We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,\*  
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## GRADUAL

*(Ps. 48: 1, 8a, 9)*

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain!

As we have heard, so | have we seen\*  
in the city of the | LORD of hosts.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.

## VERSE

*(Psalm 138:2a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I will worship toward Your holy | Temple\*  
and praise your name. Alle- | luia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

“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.

## Epistle Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-32

<sup>2</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph]

brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”