

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Responsit accepit Simeon*

LUKE 2:26

Responsum accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto, non visurem se mortem, nisi videret Christum Domini.

Simeon received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

COMMUNION *Adoro te devote*

1. God-head here in hid - ing, whom I do a - dore,
2. See - ing, touch - ing, tast - ing are in thee de - ceived;
3. On the cross thy God - head made no sign to men;
4. I am not like Thom - as, wounds I can - not see,
5. O thou our re - mind - er of Christ cruc - i - fied,
6. Bring the tend - er tale true of the Pel - i - can;
7. Je - su, whom I look at shrouded here be - low,



1. Masked by these bare shadows, shape and noth - ing more,
2. How says trust - y hear - ing? That shall be be - lieved;
3. Here thy ver - y man - hood steals from hu - man ken:
4. But can plain - ly call thee Lord and God as he:
5. Liv - ing Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
6. Bathe me, Je - su Lord, in what thy bos - om ran:
7. I be - seech thee send me what I thirst for so,



1. See, Lord, at thy ser - vice low lies here a heart
2. What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
3. Both are my con - fes - sion, both are my be - lief,
4. Let me to a deeper faith dail - y near - er move,
5. Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
6. Blood whereof a sin - gle drop has pow'r to win
7. Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light



1. Lost, all lost in won - der at the God thou art.
2. Truth him - self speaks tru - ly, or there's no - thing true.
3. And I pray the pray - er of the dy - ing thief.
4. Dail - y make me hard - er hope and dear - er love.
5. There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.
6. All the world for - give - ness of its world of sin.
7. And be blest for ev - er with thy glo - ry's sight.

CLOSING HYMN

IN HIS TEMPLE NOW BEHOLD HIM

LAUDA ANIMA



1. In His tem - ple now be - hold Him,
2. See the ho - ly maid who bore Him;
3. Je - sus, by Your Pre - sen - ta - tion,



See the long - ex - pect - ed Lord; An - cient
In her arms he gent - ly lies. While His
When they blessed You, weak and poor, Make us



proph - ets had fore - told Him, God has now ful -
a - ged saints a - dore Him, Ere in per - fect
see Your great sal - va - tion, Seal us with your



filled His word. Now to praise Him, His re - deem-ed
faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us, In Your glo - ry,



Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Lo, th'in - car - nate God most high!
To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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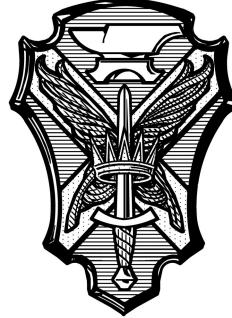
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
OR "CANDLEMAS"

FEBRUARY 2, 2026



Welcome to the Cathedral. The order of Mass is in the first section of Sunday's Word, found in the pew rack, starting on page 3.

THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

The faithful gather (with their candles) at the rear of the church by the baptismal font. The celebrant and servers process to the font, where the lighting of candles commences immediately, while the following antiphon is sung.

ANTIPHON *Ecce Dominus noster*

ISAIAH 35:4,5



The celebrant then greets and addresses the faithful. The blessing of candles proceeds directly thereafter. After sprinkling with holy water and loading the thurible, the procession to the altar begins with the following words:

¶ Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.
¶ In the name of Christ. Amen.

The following antiphon, with verses from the Canticle of Simeon or Nunc Dimittis, is sung during the procession.

ANTIPHON *Lumen ad revelationem*

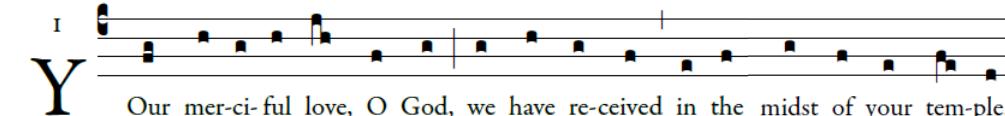
LUKE 2:29-32

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriā plebis tuae Israel. / A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Suscepimus, Deus*

CF. PSALM 48:10-11

Please join in singing the refrain below after the introduction and between verses of Psalm 48.



Our mer-ci-ful love, O God, we have re-ceived in the midst of your tem-ple.

When the celebrant reaches the chair, he intones the Gloria in excelsis (see following page). After the singing of the Gloria, he says the collect as usual and Mass proceeds.

GLORIA

MASS VIII

Gloria in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homíni-
bus bonae vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus
ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dómi-ne De-us,
Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dómi-ne Fi-li-
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dómi-ne De-us, Agnus
De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, mi-
se-re-no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, súsci-pe depre-
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad déxte-ram Pa-tris, mi-
se-re-no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus
Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Who is this King of Glo-ry? It is the Lord!

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ALLELUIA

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The old man was carrying the infant child; but it was the child who was guiding the man.

OFFERTORY

AN ANGEL HAILS

1. The pre - sen - ta - tion of Our Lord Brings old - and
2. The pro - phets in the tem - ple sing, that they be -

new to great ac - cord: Al - might - y God the Ho - ly
hold the pro - mised King, And Ma - ry's eyes, with won - der,

One, Is Ma - ry's Child the new - born Son.
see, Sal - va - tion cloth-ed in in - fan - cy.

Hymn tune: Flor Peeters; Text: Daniel Gannon

SANCTUS

MASS XVIII

SAnctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us Sá-
ba - oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ- li et terra gló-ri- a tu - a. Ho-sánnna

in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit in nómí-ne Dómi-ni.

Ho-sánnna in excélsis.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Resur - rec - tion
un - til you come - a - gain.

AGNUS DEI

MASS XVIII

Agnus De-i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-
se-re-no-bis. Agnus De-i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mundi:
mi-se-re-re no-bis. Agnus De-i, * qui tollis peccá-ta
mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister.

Thank you.