

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD & THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FIRST CLASS

2 FEBRUARY

WHITE

The Blessing of Candles

The clergy enter from the Sacristy.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day presented Your only-begotten Son in Your holy temple to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon:

we humbly beseech Your mercy;

that You would bless and sanctify and kindle with the light of Your heavenly benediction these candles which we Your servants receive, and desire to light and bear to the glory of Your name:

so that we, being made worthy to offer them to You, Our Lord and Our God, and being enkindled with the holy fire of Your most gracious charity;

may be found meet to be presented in the holy temple of Your glory,

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who illumines everyone who comes into the world:

we beseech You to pour out Your blessing on these candles, and sanctify them with the light of Your grace; and mercifully grant that even as their flame scatters the darkness of night;

so our hearts, being inflamed with the inward brightness of Your Holy Spirit:

may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity;

and that the eyes of our souls may clearly perceive that which is well-pleasing in Your sight and profitable for our salvation;

and that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world are passed, we may come the never-failing Light,

through You, O blessed Jesus, Redeemer of the world;

who lives and reigns in union with the Blessed Trinity:

one God, now and forever.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared among men in the substance of our flesh, and on this day was presented by Mary and Joseph in the temple, and whom the venerable Simeon,

being enlightened by the light of Your Spirit, knew and blessed by taking You in his arms:

mercifully grant that the grace of the same Holy Spirit may also enlighten and instruct us;

so that we may confess You truly and love You faithfully,

who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

The candles are blessed with holy water.

The candles are lit.

The Nunc Dimittis

The Nunc Dimittis is sung while the candles are lit.

ANTIPHON

Lumen ad revelationem gentium:
et gloriam plebes tuae Israel.

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace. *The antiphon is repeated.*

Quia viderunt oculi mei
salutare tuum. *The antiphon is repeated.*

Quod parasti
ante faciem omnium populorum. *The antiphon is repeated.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto. *The antiphon is repeated.*

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula seculorum. Amen. *The antiphon is repeated.*

Immediately after the Nunc Dimittis, the following antiphon is sung.

O Lord, arise for our help:
And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God:
Our fathers have told us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

O Lord, arise for our help:
And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

The Concluding Collect

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

We beseech You, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of Your people:
that this observance, by which we outwardly honor You each year;
may by the light of Your grace bring forth fruit in our souls,
we beseech You, enlighten our hearts that we may know Your grace and Fatherly will
toward us; and obtain everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

The Mass begins with the Processional Hymn

Offertorium + Psalm 45.2

STONE II



Grace is poured up- on Your lips: There-fore God has blessed You for-ev- er.

Secreta (Oblation)

O Lord, we beseech You mercifully to hear our prayers: and that these gifts which we offer to Your divine majesty may be acceptable in Your sight; bestow on us the comfort of Your loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Preface

Christmass

Communio + St. Luke 2.26

STONE I



It had been revealed to Simeon by the Ho - ly Spir - it. That he would not



see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Post-Communion Collect

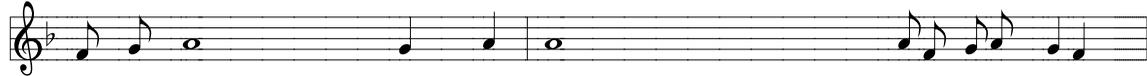
Grant, we beseech You, O Lord our God:
that these holy mysteries which You have given us for the assurance of our salvation;
may, [by the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary,] both in this life and in the life to
come benefit us for the healing of our souls,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Alleluia + Liturgical Verse

TONE VI



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



The old man carried the young Child: yet the young Child was the old man's King.



Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel + St. Luke 2.22-32

The Lord be with you.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

+ At that time, when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who 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."

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just 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. So he came by 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 which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

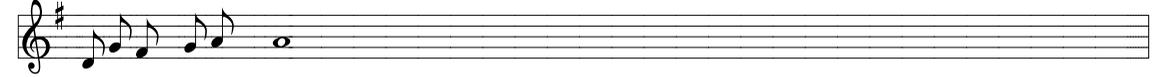
Chief Hymn

"Thou Light of Gentile Nations" (Herr Jesu, Licht der Heiden)

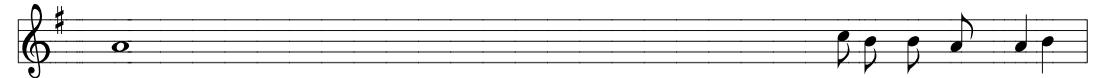
The Mass

Introit + Psalm 48.9-10,1

TONE VII



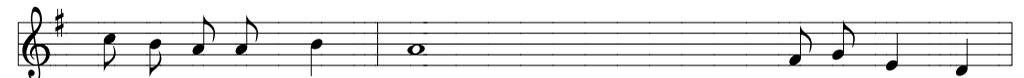
We have thought, O God, on Your loving-kindness in the midst of Your temple.



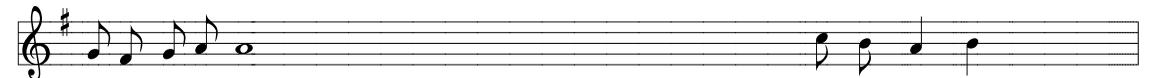
According to Your Name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth.



Your right hand is full of right-eous-ness. Great is the Lord, and



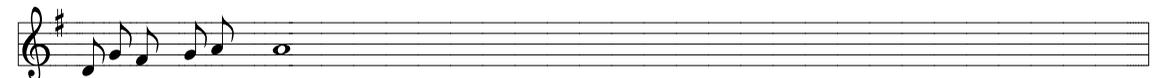
great-ly to be praised; In the city of our God, in His ho-ly moun-tain.



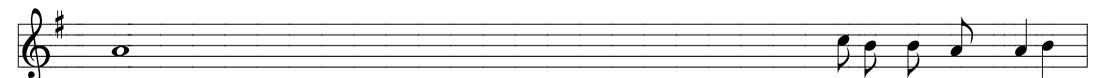
Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir- it;



As it was in the beginning, is now; And will be for-ev-er. A-men



We have thought, O God, on Your loving-kindness in the midst of Your temple.



According to Your Name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth.



Your right hand is full of right-eous-ness.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung, whether during Epiphanytide or during Septuagesimatide.

Collect

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

Old Testament + Malachi 3.1-4

The Old Testament Reading for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary is from the book of the prophet Malachi.

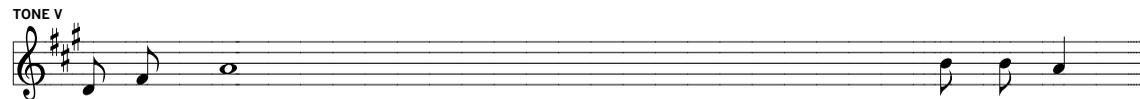
Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts.

“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 launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

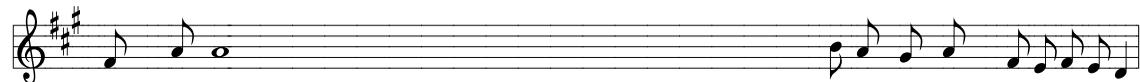
“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years.”

The Word of the Lord.

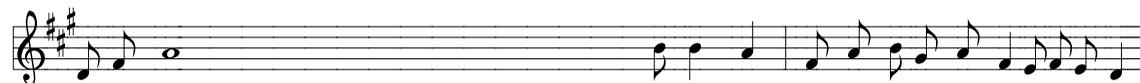
Gradual + Psalm 48.9-10,8



We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness in the midst of Your temple.



According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth.



As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of our God: In His holy mountain.

Epistle + 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

The Epistle is from the first epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: You see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Tract + Luke 2.29-32

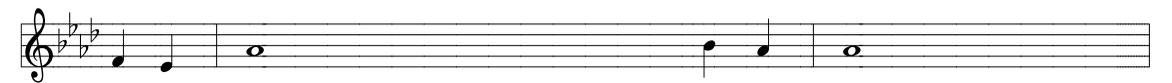
The Tract is sung when this Feast occurs on or after Septuagesima Sunday.



Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word. For my



eyes have seen Your sal-va-tion, Which You have prepared before the face of all



peo-ples. A light to bring revelation to the Gen-tiles, And the glory of Your



peo-ple Is - ra - el.