

Fourth Joyful Mystery

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

And when the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; (...) Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus (...), he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said, 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation' (Lk 2,22-30).

Meditation from the Byzantine liturgy

Hail, Full of Grace, Virgin and Mother of God, for from you has come forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ Our Lord, who enlightens those who are in darkness. Rejoice, too, wise Simeon, for in your arms you have held the Lord who redeems our souls and bestows on us the free gift of the Resurrection.

Intention

Heavenly Father, Your Son has fulfilled Your Will in all things and so brought redemption to the world. Grant to the peoples of East and West the virtue of obedience, so that they will be capable of building up a new society of love and justice on the ruins of the past, in which the Kingdom of God will be made manifest to all.



They presented the Child to the Lord