

1962 Roman Missal
The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Candlemass

INTROIT Ps. 47. 10-11. We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple; according to Thy Name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of justice. (Ps. 47. 2). Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised, in the city of God, in His holy mountain. Glory ...

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as Thine only – begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so Thou wouldst cause us too to be presented unto Thee with purified hearts. Through the same ...

EPISTLE Mal. 3. 1-4. Thus saith the Lord God: Behold I send My Angel, and he shall prepare the way before My face; and presently the Lord, whom you seek, and the Angel of the testament, whom you desire, shall come to His temple. Behold He cometh, saith the Lord of hosts; and who shall be able to think of the day of His coming? and who shall stand to see Him? for He is like the fuller's herb; and He shall sit refining and cleansing the silver, and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and shall refine them as gold, and as silver, and they shall offer sacrifices to the Lord in justice. And the sacrifice of Juda and of Jerusalem shall please the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the ancient years; saith the Lord almighty.

GRADUAL Ps. 47. 10, 11, 9. We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: according to Thy Name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. V. As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, and in His holy mountain.

ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia V. (St. Augustine). The old man carried the Child: but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

TRACT Luke 2. 29, 30-32. Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace. V. Because my eyes have seen Thy salvation. V. Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. V. A light for the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

GOSPEL Luke 3. 22-32. At that time, after the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every male opening the womb, shall be called holy to the Lord"; and to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was in him: and he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

OFFERTORY Ps. 44. 3. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee forever, and for ages of ages.

SECRET O Lord, graciously hear our prayers; and that the gifts we offer in the sight of Thy Majesty may be found worthy, grant us the help of Thy mercy. Through our Lord ...

Preface of the Nativity

COMMUNION Luke 2. 26. Simeon received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that the most holy Mysteries, which Thou hast given us as a safeguard for our regenerated nature, may, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, be to us a healing remedy, both for the present and for the future. Through our Lord ...