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## 7. THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### FIRST READING

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi

3:1-4

**T**he LORD says:  
Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
and suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner's fire,  
or like the fuller's lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

**R.** (10b) The Lord of hosts is king of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
rise up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may enter.

**R.** The Lord of hosts is king of glory.

**Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, a mighty warrior,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

**R.** The Lord of hosts is king of glory.

**Lift up your heads, O gates;  
rise up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may enter.**

**R.** The Lord of hosts is king of glory.

**Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts is the king of glory.**

**R.** The Lord of hosts is king of glory.

## **ALLELUIA**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Jesse's shoot has blossomed:  
a virgin has given birth  
to one who is truly God and truly human;  
God has restored our peace,  
reconciling in himself earth with heaven.**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**A sword will pierce your very soul.**

**✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 2:27-35**

**S**imeon came in the Spirit into the temple;  
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus  
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,  
Simeon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God, say-  
ing:

**“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”**

**The father and mother of Jesus were amazed at what was  
said about him;  
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined  
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted  
(and you yourself a sword will pierce)  
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”**

**The gospel of the Lord.**



## 28. THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### FIRST READING

You are the highest honor of our race.

A reading from the book of Judith

13:17-20; 15:9

**A**ll the people were greatly astonished.  
They bowed down and worshiped God, saying with  
one accord,  
“Blessed are you, our God,  
who today have brought to naught the enemies of your  
people.”

Then Uzziah said to her:

“Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God,  
above all the women on earth;  
and blessed be the LORD God,  
the creator of heaven and earth,  
who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our  
enemies.

Your deed of hope will never be forgotten  
by those who tell of the might of God.

May God make this redound to your everlasting honor,  
rewarding you with blessings,  
because you risked your life  
when your people were being oppressed,  
and you averted our disaster,  
walking uprightly before our God.”

And all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!”

When they had visited her, all with one accord blessed her,  
saying:

“You are the glory of Jerusalem,  
the surpassing joy of Israel;  
you are the splendid boast of our people.”

The word of the Lord.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Luke 1:46-48a, 48b-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55

**R/. (49)** The Almighty has done great things for me.

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.  
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;**

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me.**

**Behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.  
The Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me.**

**The Lord's mercy is from age to age  
to those who fear him.  
He has shown might with his arm,  
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.**

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me.**

**He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones  
but lifted up the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things;  
the rich he has sent away empty.**

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me.**

**The Lord has helped Israel his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
according to his promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.**

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me.**

**ALLELUIA**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary,  
who bore the Son of the eternal Father.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

**A**

Blessed is the womb that bore you.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 11:27-28

**W**hile Jesus was speaking,  
a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,  
“Blessed is the womb that carried you  
and the breasts at which you nursed.”

He replied,  
“Rather, blessed are those  
who hear the word of God and observe it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**B**

The mother of Jesus treasured all these things in her heart.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 2:46-51

**A**fter three days Jesus’ parents found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions,  
and all who heard him were astounded  
at his understanding and his answers.

When Jesus’ parents saw him,  
they were astonished,  
and his mother said to him,  
“Son, why have you done this to us?  
Your father and I have been looking for you with great  
anxiety.”

And Jesus said to them,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”  
But his parents did not understand what he said to them.  
Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient to them;  
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

The gospel of the Lord.