



My eyes have seen
your salvation

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In our prayers we remember Carol Speth, Bruce Riensche & Pastor Steve Billington.

**Wednesday, February 5th: 6:00 p.m. 8th grade Confirmation,
Sunday, February 9th: 10:00 a.m. Worship**

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Presentation of Our Lord

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 84

or Psalm 24:7-10

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²⁹(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ³⁰and they offered a sacrifice according to

what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ³¹It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ³²Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ³³Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

³⁴"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
³⁵for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³⁶which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,
³⁷a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people
Israel."

³⁸And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁹Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ⁴⁰so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

⁴¹There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ⁴²then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ⁴³At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

⁴⁴When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁵The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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