

## WORD SEARCH



Anna	Child	Confess	Dimittis
Jerusalem	Jesus	Joseph	Mary
Messiah	Nunc	Phanuel	Presentation
Prophetess	Purification	Sign	Simeon
Spirit	temple	thanks	worship

# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

## THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (FEBRUARY 2)

*The color the Purification of Mary and  
the Presentation of Our Lord is white.*



### What to listen for during the service?

Listen in the service for the Nunc Dimittis. When do we sing it? What are we confessing (or saying) when we sing it at that time of the service?

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## **Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40**

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 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. 27 And he came in 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, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) Who did Simeon confess that Jesus was in the temple when he spoke the words in verses 29-32?

- 2) Why did Simeon say he had seen God's salvation?
- 3) Why did Anna "give thanks to God"?
- 4) Where did Jesus grow up?
- 5) What is the Nunc Dimittis (see below)?

### **People of the Bible: Simeon**

In the Gospel reading today we hear about Simeon. But who was Simeon? Simeon is described in the book of Luke as a righteous and devout man from Jerusalem, which means he had faith and believed in God. Luke also tells us that the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would see the Christ before he died. So when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to him in the temple, he recited what is known as the Nunc Dimittis, which we read in verses 29 to 32. Simeon knew Jesus was the Messiah and was the promise sent by God to be the Savior for all people who believe. He faithfully confessed this faith in these words of the Nunc Dimittis.

### **HYMN – "In His Temple Now Behold Him"**

- 1 In His temple now behold Him,  
See the long-expected Lord;  
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,  
God has now fulfilled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.
- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him,  
Virgin pure, behold Him lie  
While His aged saints adore Him  
Ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!
- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation,  
When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great salvation,  
Seal us with Your promise sure;  
And present us in Your glory  
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.