

# The Presentation of the Lord

## February 2<sup>nd</sup>



### Call To Worship

Today we celebrate Christ, the Light of the World. Forty days ago we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Jesus was brought to the temple by Mary and Joseph to be consecrated to God, fulfilling the laws of Moses. It was at this time that Simeon recognized Jesus as the Savior, who would be the Light to all nations.

Today is a good day to remind ourselves that we, like Simeon, Mary, and Joseph are to proclaim and bring Christ, the Light of the World, to all we meet each day.

### Suggested Songs:

· We Are the Light of the World      · The Light of Christ      · Christ, Be Our Light

### Sign of the Cross

#### Opening Prayer

God, Our Creator, your Son Jesus told us that we must be the Light of the world. Help us to show Your Light to the world by following the example of Mary, Your Mother, who did Your will. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

**Reading:** Malachi 3: 1-4

**Response:** Psalm 27: Verses 1, 4, 13 (R/ *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*)

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-32

#### Intercessions:

God, our Father, we thank You for sending Jesus to be our Light and our Guide. Help us to follow Him faithfully. We ask you now to hear our prayers of intercession.

**Response:** *Light of the World, Hear Our Prayer.*

1. That we may share our light generously with our families, teachers, classmates, friends, neighbors, and all whom we meet each day, we pray...
2. That we may be generous with those in our world who are poor, homeless, and have no one to care for them, by sharing the good things in our lives with them, we pray...
3. That we may be loving toward all people, showing that love by our good example of sharing our time, talents, and presence, we pray...
4. That we may be a light of goodness that shines so brightly before all, that others may believe in You, we pray...

God, Creator of Light, You ask us to be the Light of the world. Help us to be like Simeon, in proclaiming Jesus to the world by our words and actions. We ask this through Jesus, The Light of the World. AMEN.

**Closing Prayer:** *Simeon's Canticle* (Luke 2: 29-32)

Lord, now let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people; a Light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people, Israel! Amen.