

FEBRUARY 2, THE PURIFICATION OF THE BVM

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(or Candlemas Day) The celebration of this feast began very early at Jerusalem. It commemorates not only the Purification of the Blessed Virgin but also the meeting of Simeon and the Infant Jesus in the Temple. In the East it was regarded as a feast of Our Lord; Pope Sergius I ordered that it should be preceded by a penitential procession to St. Mary Major, and thus it became predominantly a feast of the Blessed Virgin. The blessing of the candles as a peculiar rite dates only from the Tenth Century. Candles were distributed at Rome at all nocturnal processions; it is probable that this custom has been retained on this day because of the words of the canticle of Simeon near the end of the Gospel, "Lumen ad revelationem gentium."

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AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

P: † In nómine Patris, et Filii, et Spíritus Sancti. Amen.
P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.
S: Ad Deum qui lætificat juventútem meam.

(Psalm 42)

P: Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso érué me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incédo, dum affligit me inimícus?

P: Emítte lucem tuam, et veritátem tuam: ipsa me deduxérunt, et adduxérunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua.

S: Et introíbo ad altáre Dei: ad Deum qui lætificat juventútem meam.

P: Confítebor tibi in cíthara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, ánima mea, et quare contúrbas me?
S: Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confítebor illi: salutáre vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P: Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto.
S: Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.
S: Ad Deum qui lætificat juventútem meam.

P: † Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
S: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

P: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beátam Mariám semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

S: Misereátur tui omnípotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.
P: Amen.

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P: Misereátur vestri omnípotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.
S: Amen.

P: † Indulgéntiam, absolutiónem, et remissiónem peccatórum nostrórum, tribuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus.
S: Amen.

P: Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos.

S: Et plebs tua lætábitur in te.
P: Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.
S: Et salutáre tuum da nobis.
P: Dómine, exáudi oratióne meam.
S: Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.
S: Et cum spíritu tuo.
P: Orémus.

P: Aufer a nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, iniquitátes nostras: ut ad Sancta Sanctórum puris mereámur méntibus introíre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Orámus te, Dómine, per mérita Sanctórum tuórum, quorum reliquiæ hic sunt et ómnium Sanctórum: ut indulgére dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre cremáberis.

AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

P: † In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P: I will go unto the altar of God.
S: To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

(Psalm 42)

P: Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the unholy nation, deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

S: For Thou, O God, art my strength, why hast Thou cast me off? And why do I go about in sadness, while the enemy afflicts me?

P: Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto Thy holy mount, and into Thy tabernacles.

S: And I will go unto the altar of God: to God, Who gives joy to my youth.

P: I shall praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God. Why are you sad, O my soul, and why do you disquiet me?
S: Hope in God, for I will still praise Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
S: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: I will go unto the altar of God.
S: To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

P: † Our help is in the name of the Lord.
S: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I pray blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
S: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
P: Amen.

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P: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
S: Amen.
P: † May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

S: Amen.

P: Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.
S: And Thy people will rejoice in Thee.
P: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

S: And grant us Thy salvation.
P: O Lord, hear my prayer.
S: And let my cry come unto Thee.

P: The Lord be with you.
S: And with your spirit.
P: Let us pray.

P: Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that with pure minds we may be made worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: We pray Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that Thou would deign to pardon me all my sins. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: Be blessed by Him in Whose honor you will be burnt.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

INTROIT Psalms 47: 10, 11
Suscépmus, Deus, misericórdiam tuam in médio templi tui: secúndum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terræ: justítia plena est dextera tua. (Ps. 47: 2) Magnús Dóminus, et laudábilis nimis: in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.
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AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Kýrie, eléison.

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S: **Christe, eléison.**

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P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Kýrie, eléison.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glória in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te. Benedicámus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dextéram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe. † Cum Sancto Spíritui, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spíritu tuo.**

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

COLLECT

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, majestátem tuam súpplices ex orámus: ut, sicut unigénitus Fílius tuus hodiérna die cum nostræ carnis substántia in templo est præsentátus; ita nos fácias purificátis tibi méntibus præsentári. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit, et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: **Amen.**

(Sit)

LESSON Malachi 3: 1-4

Hæc dicit Dóminus Deus: Ecce ego mitto Angelum meum, et præparábit viam ante faciém meam. Et statim veniét ad templum suum edificátor, quem vos quæritis, et Angelus testaménti, quem vos vultis. Ecce venit, dicit Dóminus exercítuum: et quis póterit cogitare diem advéntum ejus, et quis stabit ad viðendum eum? Ipse enim quasi ignis conflans et quasi herba fullónum: et sedébit conflans et emúndans argéntum et purgábit filios Levi et colábit eos quasi aurum et quasi argéntum: et erunt Dómino offeréntes sacrificia in justítia. Et placébit Dómino sacrificium Juda et Jerúsalem, sicut dies sæculi et sicut anni antiqui: dicit Dóminus omnipotens.

S: Deo gratias.

GRADUAL Psalms 47: 10, 11, 9

Suscépmus, Deus, misericórdiam tuam in medio templi tui: secundum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terræ. Civit autivimus, ita et vidimus, in civitate dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

(After Septuagesima, the Alleluia is omitted and the Tract is said instead.)

LESSER ALLELUIA St. Augustine
Alleluia, alleluia. Senex Púerum portábat: Puer autem senem regébat. Alleluia.

TRACT Luke 2: 29-32

Nunc dimíttis servum tuum, Dómine, secundum verbum tuum in pace. Quia vidérunt óculi mei salutáre tuum. Quod parásti ante faciém ómnium populórum. Lumen ad revelatióne géntium et glóriam plebis tuæ Israël.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

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

Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

(Sit)

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 a refining fire, and 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.

S: Thanks be to God.

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. As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, and in His holy mountain.

Alleluia, alleluia. The old man carried the Child, but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

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. Light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

P: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi.

S: **Dómine, non sum (strike breast) dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanábitur ánima mea.**

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam tuam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Quod ore sumpsimus, Dómine, pura mente capiámus: et de múnere temporáli fiat nobis remédium sempitérnum.

P: Corpus tuum, Dómine, quod sumpsi, et Sanguis, quem potávi, adhæreat viscéribus meis: et præsta; ut in me non remáneat scélerum mácula, quem pura et sancta refecerunt sacraménta: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum, Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COMMUNION Luke 2: 26

Respónsum accépit Símeon a Spíritu Sancto, non visúrum se mortem, nisi vidéret Christum Dómini.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut sacrosáncta mystéria, quæ pro reparatiónis nostræ munimine contulísti, intercedénte beáta María semper Vírgine, et præsens nobis remédium esse fácias et futúrum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: **Amen.**

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

P: Ite, Missa est.

S: **Deo grátias.**

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Pláceat tibi, sancta Trínitas, obséquium servitútis meæ: et præsta; ut sacrificium, quod óculis tuæ majestátis indígnus obtúli, tibi sit acceptábile, mihíque et ómnibus pro quibus illud obtúli, sit, te miseránte, propitiábile. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Benedícat vos omnípotens Deus, † Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.

S: **Amen.**

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

P: Inítium sancti Evangélii secúndum Joánnem.

S: **Glória tibi, Dómine.**

P: In princípío erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in princípío apud Deum. Ómnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso víta erat, et víta erat lux hóminum: et lux in ténebris lucet, et ténebræ eam non comprehendérunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joánnes. Hic venit in testimónium, ut testimónium perhibéret de lúmine, ut omnes créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimónium perhibéret de lúmine. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognóvit. In própria venit, et sui eum non recepérunt. Quotquot autem recepérunt eum, dedit eis potestátem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nómine ejus: qui non ex sanguínibus, neque ex voluntáte carnis, neque ex voluntáte viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt.

(Genuflect) ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST

et habitávit in nobis: et vídimus glóriam ejus, glóriam quasi Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiae et veritátis.

S: Deo grátias.

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

S: Lord, I am **(strike breast)** not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

P: May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have consumed, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cling to my vitals; and grant that no wicked stain may remain in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have refreshed. Who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

Simeon received an answer from the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

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 Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: Go, the Mass is ended.

S: Thanks be to God.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: May the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: May almighty God bless you, † the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

S: Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR (Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

S: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not that light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(Genuflect) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,

and dwelt among us, (and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

S: Thanks be to God.