

Liturgy Alive of PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Memorial

November 21

Readings:

[Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4](#)

Introduction

There is no indication whatsoever in the scriptures that Mary was presented in the Temple. But this pious legend wants to state something real: that Mary followed her Son, that her mentality and attitude was that of Jesus, and that like her Son she was entirely set on seeking God's will in everything. She was a true relative of Jesus mentally and spiritually, in the spirit of the Gospel of today.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
you know and you love us;
like Mary we know that whatever happens to us
we are in your hands.
Wherever you lead us,
you know here you want us to go.
We ask you for trust and faith.
Make your will our will,
that you may lead us to your home
under the guidance of him
who did your will in everything

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty Father,
this bread and this wine
are signs that with Jesus and with Mary
we are ready to seek your will.
Allow us to share his table
as his brothers and sisters
and to follow him on his loyal way
to you, our God for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, our God and Father,
with Mary we want to be
your true relatives, your mother,
your brothers, your sisters.
Make us capable of seeking your will
with the eagerness of Mary,
who did all the common tasks uncommonly well
because she knew she was serving you
as she served Jesus and his mission
with all that was in her.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.