

## PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

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### COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty,  
that, as thy only-begotten Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh,  
so we may be presented unto thee  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

**Malachi 3.1–5**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi*

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12.1-4**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

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**GOSPEL**

**Mark 5.1-20**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**You are the Christ everlasting born for us all of a Virgin,**

**You have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

***Glory be to you, O Lord***

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had

compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

**POST COMMUNION**

O Lord,  
who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna  
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:  
grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,  
may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.