When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus’ parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple.
ple; and when the par-ents brought in the child Je-sus, to do for him what was cus-tom-ar - y
un-der the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, say-ing, 29 “Mas - ter, now
you are dis-mis-sing your ser-vant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen
your sal-va-tion, 31 which you have pre-pared in the pres-ence of all peo-ple-s, 32 a light for reve-
lation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Is - ra - el.” 33 ¶ And the child’s father and
mother were amazed at what was being said a-bout him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said
to his moth-er Mar-y, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be op-posed 35 so that the inner thoughts of man-y will be re-vealed—
and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” 36 ¶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter
of Phanuel, of the tribe of Ash-er. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eight-y-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished ev’ry-thing re-quired by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Naz- a - reth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wis-dom; and the fa-vor of God was up - on him.

May the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.