



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Lectio Divina**

The Presentation of the Virgin Mary

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First Reading

Zec 2:14-17

Sing and rejoice, daughter Zion! Now, I am coming to dwell in your midst—oracle of the LORD. Many nations will bind themselves to the LORD on that day. They will be my people, and I will dwell in your midst. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion of the holy land, and the LORD will again choose Jerusalem. Silence, all people, in the presence of the LORD, who stirs forth from his holy dwelling.



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Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty.



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R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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Alleluia

Lk 11:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

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Gospel

Mt 12:46-50

While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you." But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."