

**19 January**

*(Daughters of Wisdom only)*

## **THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

**Memoria**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

On the throne in heaven I saw a man seated, adored by hosts of angels; and they sang in chorus: 'Here is our King who will reign for ever and ever.'

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God,  
you chose to shed light  
on the humble childhood of your Son  
by the manifestation of his wisdom.  
May we be filled by the spirit of prudence  
and be pleasing in your sight by our sincere humility.  
We ask this...

### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 3:22-26*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Moses said, 'From among your brothers the Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me; you will listen to whatever he tells you. Anyone who refuses to listen to that prophet shall be cut off from the people.' In fact, all the prophets that have ever spoken, from Samuel onwards, have predicted these days.

You are the heirs of the prophets, the heirs of the covenant God made with your ancestors when he told Abraham, 'All the nations of the earth will be blessed in your descendants.' It was for you in the first place that God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you as every one of you turns from his wicked ways.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps. 8*

**Response:** *How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!*

1. How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!  
What is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? **/R.**
2. Yet you have made him a little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. **/R.**
3. All of them sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,

birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. /R.

## **Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia. All those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.  
Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

*Lk 2:41-52*

*A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Every year his parents used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When the days of the feast were over and they set off home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was somewhere in the party, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

It happened that, three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' He replied, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with people.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God,  
source of peace and sincere devotion,  
we pray that our gifts may offer worthy homage to you,  
and that by our sharing in these sacred mysteries  
we may always remain united with one another.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **PREFACE of Christmas I or II.**

## **ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION**

*Jn. 6:68-69*

You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with this holy gift,  
we earnestly pray you, Lord,  
that we may listen faithfully to your only Son,

and so advance day by day in holiness.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.