

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

Isaiah 61:11a

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11b



Meditation Garden -- First Presbyterian Church, Saline, MI

Praise the LORD from the earth ... Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Psalm 148:7a, 9

Mt. Kumgang

Jeong Seon Ho Am Art Museum Seoul, Korea God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Galatians 4:6b



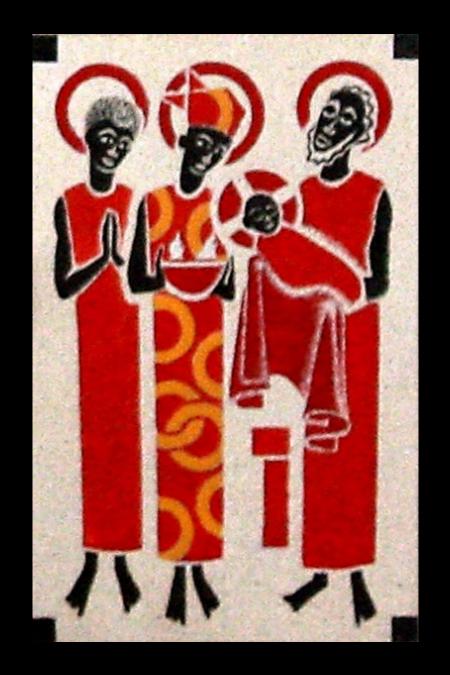
Thankful -- Henry Ossawa Tanner

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22

Presentation in the Temple

Keur Moussa Abbey Keur Moussa, Senegal





Presentation of Christ in the Temple -- Kelly Latimore, Longview, TX

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,



Presentation in the Temple Tapestry -- Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, CO

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

Luke 2:28-29



Presentation in the Temple -- Fra Angelico, San Marco, Florence, Italy

for my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:30, 32



Simeon's Song of Praise

Aert de Gelder Mauritshuis The Hague, Netherlands Then Simeon ... said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ...

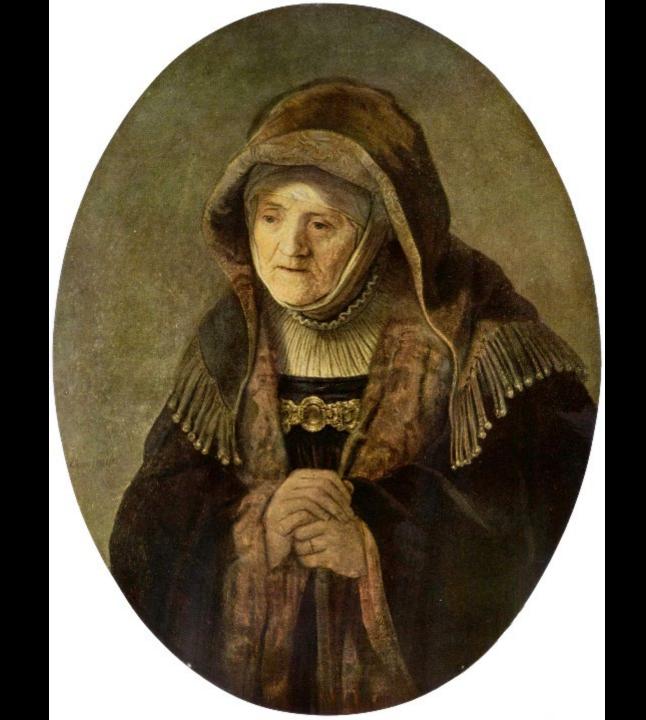
so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Luke 2:35

Presentation in the Temple, detail

Andrea Mantegna Gemaldegalerie Berlin, Germany There was also a prophet, Anna ... She was of a great age ... She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

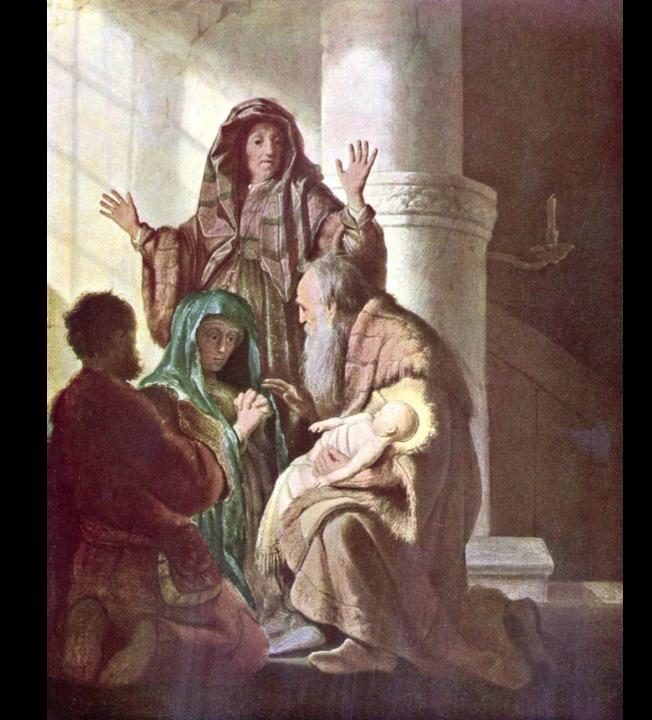
Luke 2:36a, 37b



The Prophetess Anna

Rembrandt Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Austria 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.

Luke 2:38



Presentation in the Temple

Attributed to Rembrandt Kunsthalle Museum Hamburg, Germany When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

Luke 2:39



The Holy Family

Basilica of Notre Dame Lujan, Philippines



The Holy Family -- Esteban Murillo, Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Nazareth -- JESUS MAFA

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