

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

Malachy 3:1-4 + Psalm 24:7-10 + Hebrews 2:14-18 + Luke 2:22-40

### *Do You See What I See?*

I always wondered what Simeon and Anna saw in the Child. I wonder what the insightful power they had to recognize the gift that this Child was going to be. The gospels after Christmas have focused on manifestations: the Epiphany with the Wise Men following the star, John the Baptist pointing the way to Jesus, Jesus calling to Simon Peter and Andrew leading them to fish for others. Each of these is about pointing toward the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna asked us to look as deeply as they did and point the way to Jesus. They spent their lives in the temple in prayer and contemplation. Both were prophets and they shared their insights of God with all who came to the temple. As much as we would like to spend our time in such prayerful bliss, it is not possible. But what we bring to our ministry and relationships through our prayer and contemplation gives us insight into how we manifest Jesus.

As hard as it is, we need to think of ourselves as prophets manifesting the Word of God to all. And we must help others do the same.

### Reflection

+ Who were the prophets you met this week who manifested God to you?

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Simeon with the Infant Jesus  
Benjamin West, American, ca. 1796

