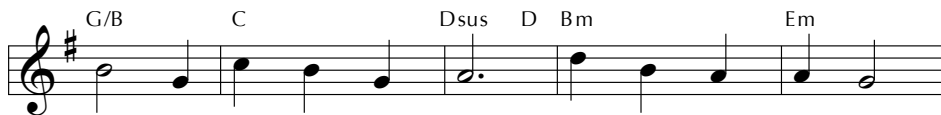


# Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple 148



1 Mar-y and Jo - seph came to the tem - ple brought the boy  
2 An - na had prayed there, wid - owed, long wait - ing, wor - ship - ing  
3 Sim - e - on sings now: God prof - ers bless - ing, bril - liant - ly



Je - sus, of - fered him there. Peo - ple were wait - ing  
God by day and by night. Now she is prais - ing,  
gild - ing dawn of his day. Light in the dark - ness,



want - ing to greet him; long had they sought him, so - lace for care.  
filled with e - la - tion: here is God's prom - ise, Christ is her light.  
nev - er ex - tin - guished, Light of all na - tions, light up our way.

This text retells the story in Luke 2:22–39, usually called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which took place forty days after his birth. Mary, Joseph, and the Christ-child encounter there two devout people, Anna and Simeon, who identify this baby as the promised Messiah.