

**We are pleased to announce
the birth of . . . God's Saviour**

Luke 2: 21-35

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’.

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He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

Isaiah 40:1-3

**¹ 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit
on him, and he will bring justice to the nations ...
^{6b} I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant
for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open
eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and
to release from the dungeon those who
sit in darkness.'**

Isaiah 42:1, 6-7

**28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,
saying:**

**29 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.**

**30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you
have prepared in the sight of all nations:**

**32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'**

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'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.'