

Topic:

Waiting in faith is rewarded.

Bible portion:

Luke 02:25-32

Focus:

The Temple: Waiting in faith is rewarded.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 21-22



**Have you Read your
Bible today?**

Memory Verse for the day

**“This cup that is
poured out for you is
the new covenant in
my blood.”**

Luke 22:20 (ESV)

Quote

**“Waiting on God is
not a waste of time.”**

- Andrew Murray

Introduction

Lent invites us to walk slowly and prayerfully with God along the long road of salvation. It is a journey that begins at creation, passes through the Cross, and opens into the light of the Resurrection. Along this path, God teaches us a quiet but powerful lesson: waiting in faith is never wasted. From the first promise after the fall to its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, God's saving plan unfolds with patience, love, and hope.

From the very beginning, God has been forming a people who trust Him even when fulfillment seems far away. Creation itself tells a story of order, purpose, and promise. Even after sin entered the world, God did not abandon humanity. Instead, He patiently prepared the way for redemption, guiding His people through covenants, prophets, and promises.

In today's Gospel, Gospel of Luke 2:25–38, we meet Simeon and Anna the Prophetess in the Temple—two people who embody faithful waiting. Simeon had waited his whole life for the consolation of Israel. Anna had spent decades in prayer and fasting, serving God faithfully. Neither knew when the promise would be fulfilled, but both trusted that God was faithful. Their waiting was not passive; it was active, prayerful, and rooted in hope.

The Temple becomes a sacred place of expectation. It is there, in the ordinary rhythm of worship, that God fulfills His promise. When Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus, Simeon recognizes salvation in his arms, and Anna proclaims hope to all who were waiting. Their long years of faith are rewarded—not with power or comfort, but with the joy of seeing God's plan unfold.

This speaks deeply to our Lenten journey. Many of us are waiting—for healing, for answers, for peace in our families, for renewal in our Church, and for hope in a broken world. Lent reminds us that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the outcome. The Cross itself looked like failure, yet it became the doorway to the Resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Master and Savior.



Conclusion

As we journey toward the Cross this Lent, we are invited to wait in faith, trusting that God's promises never fail. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to remain faithful in prayer, present in worship, and open to God's quiet action.

Practically, we can create “temple moments” in our lives: setting aside time for prayer, participating more deeply in the Eucharist, practicing patience, and holding on to hope even in uncertainty. As we wait with faith, God will meet us—sometimes unexpectedly—and lead us from waiting to joy, from the Cross to the Resurrection.



Prayer

Merciful Father, give us the strength and courage to wait patiently as we hope for the second coming of our King, Jesus Christ, in glory. Amen.

- Revd. Samson Michael Balid



Prayer Point

Pray for the climatic change.

