

Entrance of Our Lord into the Temple (*Mayaltho*)

Acts 24:16-21

- 16 Because of this, I always strive to keep my conscience clear before God and man.
17 After many years, I came to bring alms for my nation and offerings.
18 While I was so engaged, they found me, after my purification, in the temple without a crowd or disturbance.
19 But some Jews from the province of Asia, who should be here before you to make whatever accusation they might have against me—
20 or let these men themselves state what crime they discovered when I stood before the Sanhedrin,
21 unless it was my one outcry as I stood among them, that 'I am on trial before you today for the resurrection of the dead.'"

Hebrews 9:11-14

- 11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation,
12 he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed,
14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

Luke 2:22-24

- 22 When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,
23 just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,"
24 and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.