

18. Postquam impleti sunt dies purgationis Mariæ

*Postquam impleti sunt dies purgationis Mariæ,
secundum legem Moisi,
tulerunt Jesum in Jerusalem ut sisterent eum Domino,
sicut scriptum est,
‘Ecce ego mitto angelum meum,
qui preparabit viam tuam ante faciem meam.
Et statim veniet ad templum sanctum suum
Dominator Dominus quem vos quæritis,
et angelus testamenti, quem vos vultis’.*

When the days of Mary’s purification were completed,
according to the law of Moses,
they took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,
as it is written,
‘Behold, I will send my messenger
who shall prepare the way before me.
And the Lord, whom you seek,
shall suddenly come to his holy temple,
the angel of the covenant, in whom you delight’.

Based on Luke 2:22–23 and Malachi 3:1 (Gospel and Lesson for Mass on the Feast of the Purification)

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The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass, and Accompaniment. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics "Post - quam im - ple - ti sunt". The Alto part begins with "Post - quam im - ple". The Tenor 1 part begins with "Post - quam im -". The Tenor 2 and Bass parts have rests. The Accompaniment part is marked "(rehearsal only)". The score is in common time (C) and features a variety of rhythmic values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests.