**Presentation of**

 **Christ in the Temple.**

 **Candlemas**

Simeon held the child in his arms, and beheld his salvation; Anna gave thanks to God and proclaimed her redeemer.

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**3 February**

**Anskar,**

**Archbishop of Hamburg,**

**Missionary in Denmark**

**and Sweden, 865**

God of grace and might, who sent your

servant Anskar to spread the gospel to the

Nordic peoples: raise up we pray, in our generation, messengers of your good news

and heralds of your kingdom that the world

may come to know the immeasurable riches

of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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A native of Picardy, Anskar was a monk of Corbie near Amiens who, after the conversion of the King of Denmark to Christianity, went to Schleswig and attempted to start a Christian school there. He was expelled by the locals but went on to Sweden, where he is reputed to have built the first Christian church. In 832 he was consecrated Archbishop of Hamburg and sixteen years later became Archbishop of Bremen. He returned to Denmark to convert the King of Jutland. He preached widely throughout Scandinavia and was much-loved for his work with the poor and in mitigating the slave trade. He is the Patron Saint of Denmark and was popularly known as ‘The Apostle of the North’. He died in the year 865.

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