**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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**Anskar**

**Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden.**

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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