

Waiting For God (Luke 2:25-40)

Introduction: *One activity we all have in common and do not much enjoy...*

- I. WE ARE ALL WAITING FOR GOD IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER
 - A. Some would change waiting into passivity
 - B. Others change waiting for useless action
 - C. Tired of waiting for God, we may create our own “god”

- II. SIMEON AND ANNA WAITED AND SERVED IN HOPE
 - A. Who were they and why were they waiting?
(Verses 25-30 and 36-37)
 - B. God came, but not as they expected

- III. GOD COMES TO US, BUT NOT AS WE EXPECT
 - A. Can we recognize His coming at the Cross as well as the Cradle?
 - B. Can we recognize His coming in the Word and Sacraments?
 - C. Can we serve as we wait?

Conclusion: *Giotto's painting: “Jesus' Presentation in the Temple”*



This work is linked to Luke 2:27

One of Giotto's frescoes from his series on the life and passion of Jesus, in the Arena Chapel in Padua.

Simeon returns the infant to its mother. Joseph and an unidentified woman are by her side. On the far right, a possible Anna.