



The Gospel of the Eucharist

The Presentation.

*They carried the child Jesus to
Jerusalem to offer Him to the Lord.*



THE historical fact of this mystery is, the taking possession of the temple of Jerusalem by the child Jesus, and His Presentation to God the Father ; the fulfilment of the prophecy : " Yet a little while, and I will move heaven and earth and fill this house with glory ; " says the Lord God of Armies, and this glory will be greater than that of the first Temple : therein I will give peace."

The Gospel fact narrates : The Child Jesus presented in the Temple by His Virgin Mother, ransomed by two doves, laid in Simeon's arms ; Simeon's joy, his nunc dimittis, his sad prophecy ; the filling of the soul of Anna the prophetess with light and gladness at the advent of this Child, the " Desired of Nations."

We shall now consider the Eucharistic fact constantly renewing and perpetuating this mystery in our own day.

The Child Jesus is again presented in the Temple every day, and at every hour of the day and night, and throughout the universe ; only, now Mary is replaced by the Church, the High-Priest by the celebrant ; Simeon and Anna by good Christians, devout laity who visit Him, offer Him, or receive Him, for we must include all, and