

MIME Mary and Joseph enter with the Baby Jesus.

Presentation of the Child Jesus to Temple Priest.
Adoration of the Child. Simeon and Anna each hold Child in their arms before being returned to Mary and Joseph. (Carol? All)

ANGEL

Blessed be Your glorious Name (worshipping)
You - Holy Child are exalted above all blessing and praise. (repeat)
(Angels roll up Banner like a scroll and exit for Heaven)

SIMEON

My waiting is over,
Lord God, now let your servant depart in peace,
Your praises now will never cease;
For my eyes have seen Your Salvation.
In my arms I have held Emmanuel,
A light for the Gentiles,
And the only Consolation of Israel,
He is the Prince of Peace to end all strife,
For this Child is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



ANNA (humbly kneels and joyously exclaims)

Now, I see heaven opened for evermore,
To everyone who believes,
Be they young or old,
Are the sheep of His pasture,
The children of God, on entering His fold;
For this Babe, named Jesus, today,
This Holy Child, the Lamb of God is - THE DOOR!
(exit Joseph and Mary)

SIMEON and ANNA

Jesus, the Lamb of God is - THE DOOR!
(Exit Simeon and Anna)

NARRATOR

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life. John 3: 16
Jesus said, 'I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved.'
John 10: 9 (Exit Narrator)

THE DOOR

Dramatized Version

PARTS

NARRATOR ANGEL SIMEON ANNA
TEMPLE PRIEST ANGELS (non-speaking parts and carols may be included)

NARRATOR

Long years ago, by the great door of the Temple in Jerusalem,
Just after the very first Christmas, it was as if -
An Angel stood watching, radiant with the light of heaven,
Waiting there for age'd Simeon and Anna coming to pray;
Watching for Mary and Joseph arriving from Bethlehem,
To present their newborn Son to God on that very day.



Now the Angel carried a Banner like a shining cloud,
Emblazoned royal colours of rich purple, red and gold,
With illuminated letters and writing clear and bold;
Inscribed names of that newborn Child only one month old,
Titles of His greatness and divinity to expound,
Revealing all God's wondrous meaning to unfold.

ANGEL (to Simeon entering first)

Read the Banner!

Simeon! Read the writing, and do not be afraid,
Read aloud the shining letters, (the angel pointing with his hand)
Read the titles of God's Son by a human mother nursed.
Announce God's secret kept for ages and you will understand
The glory of the message on this Banner here displayed.'



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