



The Presentation in the Temple

Date

1601

Primary Maker

Crispijn de Passe

Medium

Engraving

Description

Oval depiction of woman holding male baby in front of men seated behind table. The scene includes traditional iconographic elements typical in images of the presentation in the temple including Mary, Joseph, the Prophetess Anna, the Priest and Saint Simeon. Anna, who kneels in the foreground, holds the cage containing two doves which will be sacrificed for the infant Jesus. The

figures, such as Joseph and John the Baptist, respond to the curved confines of the print, leaning inward and helping to direct the viewer's attention towards the central interaction between Mary and the priest.

Dimensions

Image: 5 1/4 × 4" (13.3 × 10.2 cm)