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Leader May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with us.

**All The Lord bless us.**

## SONG - I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

I want to walk as a child of the light;  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world;  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light.  
For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Leader prays over the candles, saying*

Leader Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
light up this temple to your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and  
so be counted worthy to stand before you in that  
eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Leader We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
**All in the midst of your temple.**  
Open to us the gates of righteousness,  
**that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**  
God is the Lord who has shown us light.  
**Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.**

Luke 2:25-36

Scripture Reading

Simeon's Surprise Story  
*written by Bethany Erickson, read by Joel Erickson*

## SONG - THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

*During the song, the candles are lit*

*The Lord is my Light, my light and my salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust*

Nunc Dimittis

All **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every  
people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and  
shall be for ever. Amen.**

Final Responsory

Leader Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds  
and angels:  
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All **Praise to Christ our light.**  
We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.  
**Praise to Christ our light.**  
We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world; may  
we be filled with the light of your love.  
**Praise to Christ our light.**  
We stand near the place of new birth.  
**Let us shine with the light of your love.**  
We turn from the crib to the cross.  
**Let us shine with the light of your love.**  
We go to carry his light.  
**Let us shine with the light of your love.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The candles are extinguished.*