

O Light of Gentile Nations

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1. O Light of Gentile nations,
O Saviour from above,
drawn by your Spirit's leading,
we come with joy and love
into your holy temple
and wait with watchful mind
as Simeon once had waited
his God and Lord to find.
2. Yes, Lord, your servants meet thee
in ev'ry holy place
where your true word has promised
that we should see your face.
And still today you grant us
who gather round you here
in arms of faith to bear you
as did that aged seer.
3. Let us, O Lord, be faithful
like Simeon to the end,
so that his prayer exultant
may from our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, now let your servant
depart in peace, I pray,
since I have seen my Saviour,
and here beheld his day."

Inspiration: Luke 2: 22-40; "Herr Jesu, Licht der Heiden"; Johann Franck, 1618-1677.
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