

Meeting of the Lord

Litia

Tone 1

The An - cient of Days, Who in times past gave Moses the Law on Si - nai,

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ap - pears this day as a babe. As Ma - ker of the Law He ful - fils the Law,

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and according to the Law He is brought in - to the tem - - - ple

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and giv - en ov - er to the El - der, Sim - eon the right - eous re - ceiv - eth Him,

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and be - hold - ing the fulfilment of the divine ordinance now brought to pass,

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re - joic - ing he cri - - - eth a - loud:

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'Mine eyes have seen the mystery hidden from the ag - es, made man - ifest in these lat - ter days,

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the Light that disperses the dark folly of the Gentiles with - out faith

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and the Glory of the newly - cho - sen Is - - - - ra - el.

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There - - - fore let Thy servant depart from the bonds of this flesh

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to the life filled with wonder that knoweth neith - er age nor end.

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O Thou Who grant - est the world great mer - - - cy.'

16 Tone 5

Both now and ever and un - to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

The An - cient of Days, a young child in the flesh,

was brought to the temple by His Moth - er the Vir - gin,

ful - fil - ling the ordinance of His own Law. Re - ceiv - ing Him, Sim - e - on said:

'Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace a - cor - ding to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - - - - tion, O Lord.'