

The background is a solid brown color. In the center, there is a faint, circular emblem. Inside the emblem, a golden cross is positioned at the top. Below the cross is a red heart with a crown of thorns. At the bottom of the emblem is an open book with red pages. The text is overlaid on this background.

Song of Simeon

A Light to the Gentiles

Nunc Dimittis

- Ordinary Gospel Canticle for Night Prayer (Compline)
- Setting – The Presentation – Luke 2:22-28
 - Consolation of Israel - cf. Is 40:1, 52:9, 66:13
 - Simeon means “God has heard”
- v29 - The verb commonly describes setting a slave free
- V32 – Dramatic scope change from Benedictus and Magnificat
 - Light to the Gentiles - q.v., Is 49:5-6, 42:6-7, 40:5, I John 2:2
 - Light in darkness - cf. Luke 1:79, Matt 4:16, John 1:4-9
 - Our light - cf. II Cor 4:6, Eph 5:8-14, Phili 2:15, Matt 5:14-16