

Opening Responses

- Men:** Like Simeon, may we grow old in hope and wonder.
Women: Like Anna, may we be in love with you all my days.
All: May we be open to truth, open to surprises.
Men: May we let your Spirit into my life.
Women: May we let your justice change my behaviour.
All: May we live in the brightness of your joy.

Closing Responses

- Men:** As Anna recognised you in the temple
Women: May we recognise you in those we meet
Men: As Simeon kept your light shining in times of darkness
Women: May we be light for those in need
All: As Jesus grew and became strong and wise
May we grow in wisdom and wonder and joy.
AMEN

Hymn

Benedictus (Margaret Harvey)

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| 1. Blessed be God
For he has redeemed us,
Given us a saviour,
David's great Son;
Tell out his praises,
Sing in thanksgiving,
From all our foes
Our freedom is won. | 3. To those in darkness
God's sun has risen,
His tender mercy
Bringing us light,
taking away
The dread of death's shadow,
Guiding us onward
Out of the night. |
| 2. Prophets foretold
That he'd come with mercy,
Keeping his promise
Made through the years,
Bringing deliverance
From all who'd harmed us;
Joyfully serve him,
Free from all fears. | 4. Praise to the Father,
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Christ Jesus our Lord;
From the beginning,
Now and for ever
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