In fulfillment of the written Law, the Lover of mankind is now brought into the Temple. And Simeon the Elder receives Him in his aged arms, crying: “Now let me depart to the blessedness of the world beyond, for today I..."
have seen You, wrapped in mortal flesh: // the Lord of life and Master over death."

As a Light to enlighten the Gentiles, You have appeared,

O Lord: the Sun of Righteousness, seated on a light cloud,

bringing to completion the shadow of the Law, and making
manifest the beginning of the new Grace. Therefore,

when Simeon saw You, he cried: // “Set me free from corruption,

for I have seen You today!”

In Your Godhead You were not parted from the bosom of Your

Fa ther, but You had become incarnate, according to Your will,
held in the arms of the Virgin, You were given into the
hands of the God-receiver Simeon, though You hold
all creation in Your hand. So Simeon cried out, full
of joy: “Now let me, Your servant, depart in peace, for I have seen You, O Master!”