Leader: Standing or kneeling, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light. We pray for the leaders of our church, especially [church leaders by name, churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer].

Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Father, your Christ came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly: Look in mercy on all those who teach in seminaries and schools of theology. We pray especially for the seminaries of the Episcopal Church and their mission to form lay and ordained leaders.

Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world: Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice. We pray especially for [political leaders by name].

Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. We pray for the sick and suffering, the lonely and lost, and especially for:
Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: Look in mercy on the departed, who see your salvation. We pray especially for:

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Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: Look in mercy on us who now turn toward his passion.

Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.