

## INTRODUCTION

*A candle may be lit*

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
My God shall make my darkness to be bright

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

## LIGHT PRAYER (by Colin Lunt)

Blessed are you, merciful and mighty God,  
reigning on high before all ages;  
and blessed be your eternally co-existent Son,  
who descended to be born on earth,  
and to dwell with us in the fullness of human nature,  
showing us the light of your holy presence,  
and sharing with us the good news of salvation.  
He suffered for us all in his saving love,  
and made for us a path to your eternal glory,  
anointing us with the promised Holy Spirit.  
He shares your seat of majesty forever.  
We join with the saints and angels  
and all that you have created in earth and heaven  
in praising you, Living Lord and eternal Word,  
gracious creator and compassionate redeemer.  
All glory, majesty, and honour be yours,  
God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER. AMEN

## A SONG OF THE LIGHT

*Other candles may be lit as the Phos Hilaron. "A Song of the Light" is said or sung.*

O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face  
The eternal splendor wearing; Celestial holy blest,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ, Joyful in thine appearing.

Now ere day fadeth quite, We see the evening light.  
Our wonted hymn outpouring; Father of might unknown  
Thee His incarnate Son, And Holy Spirit adoring.

To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs,  
O Song of God, Life-giver: Thee, therefore, O Most High,  
The world doth glorify, And shall exalt forever. Amen

'Phos Hilaron' Greek, 3rd century or earlier, Tr. Robert Bridges, 1899  
#176 in *The Hymnal 1940*



CANTICLE ~ NUNC DIMITTUS

#669 in *The Hymnal 1940*

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;

2. For mine eyes have seen  
thy salvation,

3. Which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people,

4. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

SILENCE IS KEPT

BENEDICTION

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless us, and keep us;  
the LORD make his Face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us;  
the LORD lift up his Countenance upon us, and give us peace.

AMEN.

