

PHOS HILARON (“Joyous Light”)

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Translation from the 1979
American Book of Common
Prayer.

The *Phos Hilaron* is an early
Christian hymn, perhaps
composed as early as 150 A.D.
The *Phos Hilaron* is still
recited regularly in the
Eastern Orthodox tradition as
well as in Anglican and
Lutheran Churches.



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