

# EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)



*Evening Prayer is an occasion to give thanks for the blessings of the day and for redemption in Christ. Prayer rises "like incense in the Lord's sight," and "upraised hands" become "an evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2). While not a part of the Church's current order of Evening Prayer, there is a long tradition, especially in religious communities, to begin the prayer with a service of Lucernarium to accompany the lighting of the candles. A musical setting for this service is included here for optional use.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

*All make the sign of the cross as the Cantor/Presiding Minister sings:*

**Melody**

Cantor: Light, joy and peace in our Lord Je - sus Christ.  
All: Thanks be to God, Al - le - lu - ia.  
(Last: Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.)

**Harmony: Last time only**

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