

## Christ, Be Our Light

*for my friends in East London, whose faith is a light*

for Assembly, Unison Choir, Descant, Keyboard, Guitar, Flute and B♭ Trumpet

Bernadette Farrell

♩ \*VERSES: (♩ = ca. 132)

**Melody**

1. Long - ing for light, \_\_\_\_\_ we wait in dark - ness.  
 2. Long - ing for peace, \_\_\_\_\_ our world is trou - bled.  
 3. Long - ing for food, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y are hun - gry.  
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y are home - less.  
 5. Man - y the gifts, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y the peo - ple,

**Keyboard**

1. Long - ing for truth, \_\_\_\_\_ we turn to you.  
 2. Long - ing for hope, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y de - spair.  
 3. Long - ing for wa - ter, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y still thirst.  
 4. Long - ing for warmth, \_\_\_\_\_ man - y are cold.  
 5. man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

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\*Play first four measures as Intro.

1. Make us your own, \_\_\_\_\_ your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 2. Your word a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ has pow'r to save us.  
 3. Make us your bread, \_\_\_\_\_ bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 4. Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 5. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

1. light for the world to see. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Make us your liv - ing voice. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. shared un - til all are fed. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. walls made of liv - ing stone. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. mak - ing your king - dom come. \_\_\_\_\_

**REFRAIN:****Descant**

Christ, be our light! Shine out

**Melody**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

through the dark, shine! Christ,

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,

The first system of the musical score. It consists of three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a second vocal line (treble clef), and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "through the dark, shine! Christ," and "Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,".

be our light! Shine in your church

be our light! Shine in your church

The second system of the musical score. It consists of three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a second vocal line (treble clef), and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "be our light! Shine in your church" and "be our light! Shine in your church".

gath - ered to - day.

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gath - ered to - day.

The third system of the musical score. It consists of three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a second vocal line (treble clef), and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "gath - ered to - day." and "gath - ered to - day." and "gath - ered to - day.".

1-4 D.S. Final

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Em Am7 Bm7 Esus4

## VERSES:

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus4

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Em Am7 Bm7 Esus4

1. Long - ing for truth, \_\_\_\_\_ we turn to you.
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Em Am7 D G

1. Make us your own, \_\_\_\_\_ your ho - ly peo - ple,
2. Your word a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ has pow'r to save us.
3. Make us your bread, \_\_\_\_\_ bro - ken for oth - ers,
4. Make us your build - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
5. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

C Am Dsus4 D

1. light for the world to see. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Make us your liv - ing voice. \_\_\_\_\_
3. shared un - til all are fed. \_\_\_\_\_
4. walls made of liv - ing stone. \_\_\_\_\_
5. mak - ing your king - dom come. \_\_\_\_\_

REFRAIN:

G C G Em Bm

Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Descant

Christ, be our light! Shine out

Em Am7 D G

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,

through the dark, shine! Christ,

Dsus4 D Em Em/D C

be our light! Shine in your church

be our light! Shine in your church

Am7 D G Am/G

1-4 G D.S. Final G

gath - ered to - day.

gath - ered to - day.

# Christ, Be Our Light

FLUTE

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INTRO: (♩ = ca. 132)

VERSES:

4 %

REFRAIN:

*D.S.  
(Fine)*

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## Performance Notes

This song was originally written for the dedication of a church, St. Gabriel's in Upper Holloway. The assembly was to be in semi-darkness, with only the Paschal candle burning. The light would spread around the church during the song as individual candles were lit. Something was needed which could be sung without words or rehearsal.

The text is appropriate for many different occasions. The refrain is for everyone, while the verses might be sung by a soloist or group. Sing the refrain strongly, emphasizing the first beat of the measure. And, as always, only introduce the descant once the melody is swinging.

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B $\flat$  TRUMPET

Craig Kingsbury

INTRO: ( $\bullet = ca. 132$ )      VERSE 1:      REFRAIN:      VERSES 2, 3, 4:

4      16      17      16

REFRAIN:

VERSE 5:

REFRAIN:

## Assembly Edition

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3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. **Make** us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. **Make** us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. **Make** us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. **Let** us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. **Make** us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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