Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
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

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,

hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a lone

wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,

warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,

hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be serv-ants

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.

has power to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.

bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.

shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.

to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

Refrain

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.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ’s promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church’s servant calling.
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
   World without end, without end. Amen.

2. World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
Jesus Loves Me!

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Lit-tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong,
tak-ing chil-dren on his knee, say-ing, “Let them come to me.”

Refrain

Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me!

Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly  509

1 All who hun-gre, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er stray-strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-der-ing, Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing, Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing, Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion’s love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990
MUSIC: William Moore’s Columbian Harmony, 1825

HOLY MANNA
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(alternate harmonization, 196)
296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C Bb C F C

1 Go in grace and make disciples. Baptize in God’s holy name. Tell of death and resurrection; Easter’s victory now proclaim. Christ’s commission sends us forth love to all reveal. Roles and ranks shall be reversed; to the nations of the earth. Go in grace and justice flow for all who thirst. Go in grace and as disciples, teach and learn. Go in Pentecost make disciples, midwives for the world’s rebirth.

2 Go and follow Christ’s example, not to vanqush, but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin’s divisions. Servant love to all reveal. Roles and ranks shall be reversed; to the nations of the earth. Go in grace and justice flow for all who thirst. Go in grace and as disciples, teach and learn. Go in Pentecost make disciples, midwives for the world’s rebirth.

3 Go in Pentecostal spirit, many tongues and to the nations of the earth. Go in grace and justice flow for all who thirst. Go in grace and as disciples, teach and learn. Go in Pentecost make disciples, midwives for the world’s rebirth.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus’ Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ’s life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

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MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1999
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