Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing, The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 Christ is a-live! No lon-ger bound to dis-tant years in Pal-es-tine, but sav-ing, heal-ing,
3 In ev-ery in-sult, rift, and war where col-or, scorn, or wealth di-vide, Christ suf-fers still, yet
4 Wom-en and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spir-it, hear the call, and find the way; the this and ev-ery age, till earth and sky and
5 Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to praise ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778
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Alleluia!

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.
Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

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 ser-vants

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 gathered 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.

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
9.8.8.6 with refrain
ADORATION

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

1 When in our music God is glorified,
2 How often, making music, we have found
3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

and adoration leaves no room for pride,
a new dimension in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole creation cried:
as worship moved us to a more profound
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing always:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Or “God”
1 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

2 Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest, hosanna in the highest.

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Called as Partners in Christ’s Service  761

1 Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
   we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

2 Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
   let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
   help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

4 So God grant us tomorrow ways to order human life
   that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,

equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Mesengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1983
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870