Christ, Be Our Light

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Unison, Descant

Keyboard, Guitar, Flute, Trumpet in Bb

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

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

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*Play first four measures as Intro.
REFRAIN:
Descant
Melody
Christ, be our light!
Shine out
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.

1. Make us your own, your holy people,
2. Your word alone has pow’r to save us,
3. Make us your bread, broken for others,
4. Make us your building, sheltering others,
5. Let us be servants to one another,

1. light for the world to see,
2. Make us your living voice,
3. shared until all are fed,
4. walls made of living stone,
5. making your kingdom come,

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through the dark, shine! Christ, 

Shine through the darkness. Christ, 

be our light! Shine in your church 

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gathered today. 

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(Guitar/Vocal)

INTRO: \( \text{q} = \text{ca. 132} \)

\( \text{Em} \)    \( \text{Am7} \)    \( \text{Bm7} \)    \( \text{Esus4} \)

VERSES:

\( \text{Em} \)    \( \text{Am7} \)    \( \text{Bm7} \)    \( \text{Esus4} \)

1. Long-ing for light, ___ we wait in darkness.
2. Long-ing for peace, ___ our world is troubled.
3. Long-ing for food, ___ man-y are hun-gry.
4. Long-ing for shelter, man-y are home-less.
5. Man-y the gifts, ___ man-y the peo-ple,

\( \text{Em} \)    \( \text{Am7} \)    \( \text{Bm7} \)    \( \text{Esus4} \)

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.

\( \text{Em} \)    \( \text{Am7} \)    \( \text{D} \)    \( \text{G} \)

1. Make us your own, ___ your ho-ly peo-ple,
2. Your word a-lone ___ has power 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.

\( \text{C} \)    \( \text{Am} \)    \( \text{Dsus4} \)    \( \text{D} \)

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, ___

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G    C    G    Em    Bm
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Am7    D    G
Shine through the darkness. Christ,

Dsus4    D    Em    Em/D    C
be our light! Shine in your church

Am7    D    G    G
gathered today.

G    D.S.

Final

G

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G

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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.
Assembly Edition

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3. wa - ter, man- y still thirst. Make us your bread,
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5. hearts that yearn to be long. Let us be serv - ants

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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.

Refrain

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

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