

# O Christ Our Life

Based on John 1:1-14; 6:1-63

Tony Ward

INTRO (♩ = ca. 90)

Keyboard

*p*

C Fmaj7 C Cadd9/E F6 C F6

## REFRAIN

Soprano *mp*

Alto

Tenor

Bass *mp*

Repeat each time

Come, O Christ our Life, and dwell with - in, O Lord our God!

Repeat each time

C Fmaj7 C Cadd9/E F6 C F

to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

to Verses 3, 6

Final

God! God! God!

*Fine*

to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

to Verses 3, 6

Final

C G/B C D/G C Cadd9/E F6 C

*p*

*Fine*

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\*Play cue notes if string quartet does not play.

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## VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5

S/A

1. Christ, the Word of God, In whom cre - a - tion came to be,  
 2. Christ, O God made Flesh, O flow - ing spring of truth and grace;  
 4. Christ, who feeds his flock, O feast of ev - er - last - ing days;  
 5. Christ, O food from heav'n, Through whom the love of God pro - vides;

T/B

Am Em/G F C/E Ab Gm7 Cadd9 C

*D.S.*  
 1. Source of love and life, The Light for all the world to see.  
 2. Gift of Word ful - filled, For all your peo - ple to em - brace.  
 4. Hun - gers ev - er filled For all who fol - low in his ways.  
 5. Rais - ing to new life All those in whom his love a - bides.

Em Em7 Am Am7/G F6 C F6 *D.S.*

## VERSES 3, 6

*mf*

3. Christ, Be - got - ten Son, Who made God's glo - ry  
6. Christ, O Bread of Life! O cup of love out -

*mf*

C D/G C D/G C D/G

3. known; Come and dwell with - in, Re - new our  
6. poured! Make of us your Bod - y, One in

Em Em7 Am F G Cmaj7/E

*p* *D.S.*

3. life in you a lone.  
6. you, our liv - ing Lord!

*p* *D.S.*

F G/C Fmaj7 F6

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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C Fmaj7 C Cadd9/E F6 C F6

(Kbd)

## REFRAIN

C Fmaj7 C Cadd9/E F6

*mp*

Repeat each time  
C F

Come, O Christ our Life, and dwell with - in, O Lord our God!

to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5 C G/B

to Verses 3, 6 C D/G

Final C Cadd9/E F6 C

God! God! God!

*Fine*

## VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5

Am Em/G F C/E Ab Gm7 Cadd9 C

1. Christ, the Word of God, In whom cre - a - tion came to be,  
2. Christ, O God made Flesh, O flow - ing spring of truth and grace;  
4. Christ, who feeds his flock, O feast of ev - er - last - ing days;  
5. Christ, O food from heav'n, Through whom the love of God pro - vides;

Em Em7 Am Am7/G F6 C F6 *D.S.*

1. Source of love and life, The Light for all the world to see.  
2. Gift of Word ful - filled, For all your peo - ple to em - brace.  
4. Hun - gers ev - er filled For all who fol - low in his ways.  
5. Rais - ing to new life All those in whom his love a - bides.

## VERSES 3, 6

C D/G C D/G C D/G Em Em7

*mf*

3. Christ, — Be - got - ten Son, Who made — God's glo - ry known;  
6. Christ, — O Bread of Life! O cup — of love out - poured!

Am F G Cmaj7/E F G/C Fmaj7 F6

*p*

3. Come — and dwell with - in, Re - new our life in you a - lone.  
6. Make — of us your Bod - y, One in you, our liv - ing Lord!

# O Christ Our Life

VIOLIN I & II

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 90)      REFRAIN

I *p* *mp*

II *p* *mp*

Repeat each time <i>tr</i>	to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5	to Verses 3, 6	Final	<i>Fine</i>
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*p* *p*

VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5

VERSES 3, 6

*D.S.* *mf* *mf*

*D.S.* *p* *p*

# O Christ Our Life

VIOLA

Tony Ward

INTRO (♩ = ca. 90)      **REFRAIN**      Repeat each time

to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5    to Verses 3, 6    Final    Fine    VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5

VERSES 3, 6    D.S.    mf

D.S.    p

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CELLO

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 90)      **REFRAIN**      Repeat each time

to Verses 1, 2, 4, 5    to Verses 3, 6    Final    Fine    VERSES 1, 2, 4, 5

VERSES 3, 6    D.S.    mf

D.S.    p

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## Assembly Edition

### O CHRIST OUR LIFE

Tony Ward

Refrain

Come, O Christ our Life, and dwell with - in, O Lord our God!

Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

1. Christ, the Word of God, In whom cre - a - tion came to
2. Christ, O God made Flesh, O flow - ing spring of truth and
4. Christ, who feeds his flock, O feast of ev - er - last - ing
5. Christ, O food from heav'n, Through whom the love of God pro -

to Refrain

1. be, Source of love and life, The Light for all the world to see.
2. grace; Gift of Word ful-filled, For all your peo - ple to em-brace.
4. days; Hun - gers ev - er filled For all who fol - low in his ways.
5. vides; Rais - ing to new life All those in whom his love a - bides.

Verses 3, 6

3. Christ, Be - got - ten Son, Who made God's glo - ry known;
6. Christ, O Bread of Life! O cup of love out-poured!

to Refrain

3. Come and dwell with - in, Re - new our life in you a - lone.
6. Make of us your Bod - y, One in you, our liv - ing Lord!

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## Composer Notes

“O Christ Our Life” was written as an approachable, prayerful song of praise as the community comes forward to receive and become the body of Christ, drawing its text from the powerful images of Christ as the “Word made Flesh” in the first chapter of Saint John’s Gospel and the “Bread of Life” in John 6. This piece can be used effectively throughout the liturgical year, particularly in Advent, Christmas Day, Easter, and the 17th–20th Sundays of Ordinary Time (Year B). It can also be utilized for special celebrations of community, Christian initiation, and mission.

The refrain should be sung with a gentle, flowing motion (3+2) seeking to create an aesthetic of prayerful, joyful acceptance of the eucharistic Christ. The verses are constructed in two matching sets (1–3 and 4–6). If “mixing and matching,” the musician should aim to keep the form of the piece intact when determining the order of the verses (e.g., two verses from vss. 1–2 and 4–5, and one verse from vs. 3 and vs. 6).

—Tony Ward