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

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*Play first four measures as Intro.
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,

REFRAIN:
Descant
Melody
Christ, be our light! Shine out
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

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through the dark, shine! Christ,

Shine through the darkness. Christ,

be our light! Shine in your church

be our light! Shine in your church

1–4 D.S. Final

gathered today.

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Christ, Be Our Light

(Guitar/Vocal)

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

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in darkness.
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is troubled.
3. Long-ing for food, many are hungry.
4. Long-ing for shelter, many are homeless.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,

1. Make us your own, your holy people,
2. Make us your bread, broken for others,
3. Make us your building, sheltering others,
4. Make us your light for the world to see,
5. Make us your king-dom come.

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G C G  Em  Bm
Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Em  Am7  D  G
Descant

Christ, be our light! Shine out

Em  D  Em  Em/D  C

Shine through the darkness. 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

gathered today.

G  D.S.  Final  G

1–4

gathered today.
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INTRO: \( \text{\L}=132 \)  

VERSES:

REFRAIN:

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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Verses

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, 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

From the recording

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