



**Gathering Song**

**Christ, Be Our Light!**

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,

Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

light for the world to see.  
 Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 shared un - til all are fed.  
 walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 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.

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**First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

**Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9**

**Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting**

Refrains

I My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst -  
 II As morn - ing breaks I look to you; be

ing for you, my God. My soul is thirst -  
 my strength this day. As morn - ing breaks

ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you, my God,  
 I look to you; be my strength this day,

thirst - ing for you, my God.  
 be my strength this day.

Verses

- O God, you are my God, and I will always praise you. In the shadow of your wings I cling to you and you hold me high.
- Through the day you walk with me; all the night your love surrounds me. To the glory of your name I lift my hands, I sing your praise.
- I will never be afraid, for I will not be abandoned. Even when the road grows long and weary your love will rescue me.

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## Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

## Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

## Preparation of Gifts and Altar

Instrumental

## Communion

### An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

## Now We Remain

Refrain

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Liv - ing, now we re - main with Je - sus, the Christ.

Verses

1. Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the  
2. Some-thing which we have known, some-thing we've  
3. He chose to give of him - self, be - came our  
4. We are the pres - ence of God; this is our

night. Then by your cross we were  
touched, What we have seen with our  
bread: Bro - ken that we might  
call: Now to be - come bread and

saved— Dead be - came liv - ing, Life from your  
eyes; This we have heard: Life - giv - ing  
live— Love be - yond love, Pain for our  
wine— Food for the hun - gry, Life for the

giv - ing. For to live with the  
Word.  
pain.  
wea - ry.

Lord, we must die with the Lord.

## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



## Sending Forth

### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

God our cre - a - tor,      broth - ers  
fam - 'ly all are we.

Let me walk with my broth - er      in per - fect har - mo - ny.  
us each oth - er

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:      To

take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.