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Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Em    Am7     Bm7     Esus      Em
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
Am7     Bm7     Esus      Em      Am7
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,

D    G      C     Am     Dsus      D
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone

G      C      G    Em      Bm      Em
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,

D    G      C     Am     Dsus      D
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,

G      C      G    Em      Bm      Em
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

Refrain

G    C    G      Em    Bm      Em
your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.

Am7    D    G    Dsus      D    Em    Em7
has power to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.

C      Am7     D    G    Am7      G
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.

C      Am7     D    G    Am7      G
to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

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.

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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