

## Christ Our Light: Bicentennial Hymn

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Christ our Light, we sing your glory:  
All our hearts afire with praise;  
Fill our lives with love unfailing  
Set our faith and hope ablaze.  
Gather us from ev'ry corner  
Let all shadows fade and flee  
As your good news shines among us,  
Bright with hope for all to see.

Word of God, we sing the wonder  
Of the truth you came to tell:  
Death is conquered, life has triumphed,  
In our hearts love comes to dwell.  
Kindle joy in all who know you;  
Drive out sadness, banish fear;  
Make of us your living message  
For all those who long to hear.

Cast your fire, O Christ, upon us;  
As a beacon let us stand  
Radiant with your presence always,  
Light of life for all the land.  
Let us welcome all the seekers,  
All who wander, all who grieve;  
All who thirst and all who hunger  
For the gospel we believe.

Christ, the world's light, take us with you  
Where death's darkness still holds sway;  
Let us call out "day has broken"  
To all hearts grown cold and gray.  
Flame of glory, go before us,  
Lead us through the narrow gate  
To the land that you have promised  
Where your holy ones await.

Holy God, we bow before you,  
Threefold Myst'ry, threefold Love,  
Ever present here among us,  
Ever sung in heav'n above.  
Let your reign take hold among us;  
Let your name be all our song;  
Let us join your saints and angels  
In the home where we belong.

*(Verse 3, Spanish)*

Pon tu luz, Dios, sobre nosotros,  
como un faro, firmes estar  
hoy brillando con tu presencia,  
luz de vida en nuestro hogar.  
Bien, recibamos a los que buscan,  
los que hoy cargan con su sufrir;  
los hambrientos y los sedientos  
pues tu palabra es de cumplir.

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