

Christ be our light

Composer: Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**Christ be our light, Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

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VINNIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

We are very short of volunteers to assist in the distribution of food from our food bank at Katoomba. Blackheath conference is responsible for the interviewing and distribution of food on Mondays and Wednesdays. Food bank volunteers work from 9:30am to 12:30pm on the above days.

We now have new office and food bank facilities opposite our centre in Waratah Street. We work as a team and contact with the neediest in our community is very rewarding. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Catherine on 4787 1224 or 0413 308 084 .

Bring Forth the Kingdom

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You are salt for the earth, O people.
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice;
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people;
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people;
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and
love our homeland;
Love is the Kingdom of God!

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world. This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt. As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. -from *Liturgyhelp* online

Introduction to Christian Meditation

"When we live in community and everyday life is busy and difficult, it is absolutely essential for us to have moments alone to pray and meet God in silence and quietness." Jean Vanier



If you would like to know what Christian Meditation is all about and feel that you would like to try it, an introductory course will begin on **Monday, 7 February, 2011 at 10.30am** - held at 227 Leura Mall.

The course will take place over 6 consecutive Mondays. For those who find the day or time inconvenient, the same course will be conducted at Blackheath on **Saturday afternoons at 4:00**. For more information, please call Barbara on 4787 6032.

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*Introduction to Canon Law

*Ecumenical and Interfaith Seminar: 5th March
*2011 Lenten Resources
*Positions Vacant