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Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region
Annual Regional Gathering

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Liturgical Prayer &

Music and Prayers for Worship

ARG Gathering Song for Group Sessions Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock and the door will be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

You do not live by bread alone, but by every word That comes forth from the mouth of God; allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst; and whatsoever you ask I will do; allelu, alleluia.

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Friday, August 11, Evening Prayer Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

God, come to my assistance. (**Sign of the Cross**) — Lord, make haste to help me.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Now Let Us Praise

- Now let us praise a woman noble great,
 A valiant servant of the God of Hosts.
 Her holiness is famed renowned abroad,
 Alleluia, alleluia
- 2. Afire with shafts of holy love she turned, From earthly joys to yearn for those of heav'n. Eternal triumph now her soul's reward, Alleluia, alleluia
- 3 Her earthly prison penance kept subdued. She fed her soul on pray'r's sweet food alone. Thus did she seek the glory of her Spouse Alleluia, alleluia
- 4. All strength and honor, praise and glory be To God the Father and His only Son, And Holy Spirit ever three in One Alleluia, alleluia

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PSALMODY

Ant. 1 The glory of Clare filled the world; her sanctity has been the inspiration of many devoted followers.

Psalm 112

Antiphonarian: Happy the man who fears the Lord,

Side: 1: who takes delight in his commands. His sons will be powerful on earth; the children of the upright are blessed.

Side 2: Riches and wealth are in his house;

his justice stands firm for ever. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

- Side 1: The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honor. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.
- Side 2: He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; he will see the downfall of his foes.
- Side 1: Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.
- Side 2: The wicked man sees and is angry, grinds his teeth and fades away; the desire of the wicked leads to doom.
- Side 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
- Side 2: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen
- **All** The glory of Clare filled the world; her sanctity has been the inspiration of many devoted followers.
- **Ant. 2** Clare trusted in the Lord her God. She spurned the world's perishable glory to gain Christ.

Psalm 145

Antiphonarian: I will give you glory, O God my King,

- Side 1: I will bless your name for ever.
- Side 2: I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.
- Side 1: Age to age shall proclaim your works, shall declare your mighty deeds, shall speak of your splendor and glory, tell the tale of your wonderful works.
- Side 2: They will speak of your terrible deeds, recount your greatness and might.

 They will recall your abundant goodness;

age to age shall ring out your justice.

Side 1: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

Side 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Side 1: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

All Clare trusted in the Lord her God. She spurned the world's perishable glory to gain Christ.

Ant. 3 The virgin Clare in her exultation recognized the manifold wisdom of Christ.

Canticle — Ephesians 1:3-10

Antiphonarian: Praised be the God and Father

Side 1: of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

Side 2: God chose us in him before the world began to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Side 1: He predestined us to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

Side 2: In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us.

Side 1: God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.

Side 2: A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and on earth.

Side 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Side 2: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

All The virgin Clare in her exultation recognized the manifold wisdom of Christ.

READING — Song of Songs 6:2; 8:6-7

I belong to my lover, and my lover who browses among the lilies belongs to me. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; For stern as death is love; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love.

At the end of the reading, The Word of the Lord is not said.

RESPONSORY

She has been led to the king's abode
— and he has placed a crown upon her head.
A crown of holiness, glory and honor.
— He placed a crown upon her head.

CANTICLE OF MARY: Luke 1:46-55

Ant. Hail, bride of Christ, holy virgin, model for Sisters, Saint Clare, lead us to the kingdom of heaven.

Antiphonarian: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

- Side 1: my spirit rejoices in God my savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- Side 2: From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
- Side 1: He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
- Side 2: He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- Side 1: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
- Side 2: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
- Side 1: He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Side 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Side 1: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: Hail, bride of Christ, holy virgin, model for Sisters, Saint Clare, lead us to the kingdom of heaven.

INTERCESSIONS

- Let us joyfully praise Christ the Lord and pray to the bridegroom of virgins, the spotless Lamb that virgins accompany wherever he goes, and say: *Jesus, King of virgins, hear our prayer.*
- O Christ, you praised those who live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven,
- grant that we may truly understand your words and cling to you, chaste in body and pure in soul.
- O Christ, for our salvation you offered your body to the Father as a sacrifice on the cross,
- grant that we may crucify our bodies with their vices and desires and fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ.
- O Christ, you espoused the Church as a chaste virgin,
- make her spotless and holy and grant that we may keep our faith sound and pure.
- O Christ, you permit us to rejoice on the feast of the holy virgin Clare,
- grant that we may always be worthy of her intercession.
- O Christ, you admitted holy virgins to your wedding banquet,
- in your kindness receive our departed in the banquet hall of heaven.
- O God, Jesus taught us by his life to place our lives in your hands,
- give all Franciscans the courage and love to accept a share in the Paschal Mystery.

Additional intercessions: Jesus, King of virgins, hear our prayer.

Our Father ...

Prayer

God of mercy, you inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her prayers may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision of your glory in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday, August 12 — Morning Prayer

The Franciscan Crown Rosary

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: The First Joy of Mary: The Annunciation

"Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: The Second Joy of Mary: The Visitation

"The infant leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth cried out in a loud voice, 'Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:41–42)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: The Third Joy of Mary: The Birth of Christ

"Mary gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4,7)

All: One Our Father, 10 Hail Marys

Leader: The Fourth Joy of Mary: The Adoration of the Magi

"The Magi found the mother with child. They prostrated themselves and did him homage, offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:1–2,11)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: The Fifth Joy of Mary: Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple "After three days they found the boy in the Temple. And he said to them, 'Did you not know that I would be found in my father's house?" (Luke 2:41, 43, 46–49)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: The Sixth Joy of Mary: Meeting Christ After the Resurrection "Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:1–4)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: The Seventh Joy of Mary: The Assumption and Coronation "A great sign appeared in the sky: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rev 11:19, 12:1)

All: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys

Leader: Let us pray two Hail Marys, thus totaling 72, in honor of each of year of Mary's life on earth.

Leader: Let us pray for the intentions of our holy father, Pope Francis

All: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Saturday, August 12 — Evening Prayer The Liturgical Office of the Twelve Our Fathers

- **V.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- R. Amen.
- **V.** To the King of the Ages, the immortal and invisible, who alone is God, be honor and glory world without end. (1 Tim 1:17)
- R. Amen!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

- **V.** God is love, and whoever abides in love, abides in God and God in him. (1 Jn, 4:16)
- R. Amen!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

- **V.** Let each of you bear the other's burdens, and so you will fulfill the Law of Christ. (Gal 6:2)
- R. Amen!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

- **V.** You have been bought at a great price. Glorify God and bear him about in your person. (1 Cor 6:20)
- R. Amen!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

- **V.** The fiery sun now leaves the sky.
- R. Thou, Light eternal Unity And ever blessed Trinity, Still light our hearts unendingly.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

- **V.** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our spirit.
- R. You have redeemed us, O Lord, the God of truth.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Leader: A reading from the Letter of James (James 5:7–20).

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of the perseverance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, because "the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your "Yes" mean "Yes" and your "No" mean "No," that you may not incur condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. Elijah was a human being like us; yet he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain upon the land. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Meditation (moment of silent prayer)

- **V.** Let my prayer come like incense before you.
- R. The raising of my hands like an evening sacrifice.
- **V.** Let us pray:
- R. Defend us, O Lord, we beseech you, from all dangers of body and soul; and at the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary ever virgin Mother of God and with blessed Joseph, the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, our holy father Francis and all the saints, grant us in your

kindness both safety and peace; so that, with all error and adversity put to naught, your Church may serve you secure in its liberty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you lives and reigns in unity with the Holy Spirit as God, world without end. Amen.

Sunday, August 13 — Morning Prayer Lectio Divina: Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Eucharist



Mass of Creation Gloria

Refrain — Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. Cantor/Choir: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain — Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

2. Cantor/Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Refrain — Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

3. Cantor/Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. A – men. A – men.

Refrain: All

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,



(All the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

All: Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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Great Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: A – men, a – men.

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Lamb of God

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Mass — Saturday, August 12 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Gathering — Gather Us In

- 1. Here in this place new light is streaming; Now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in the blind and the lame;

 Call to us now and we shall awaken; We shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry; We are the old who long for your face. We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; Gather us in, the proud and the strong Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; Give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3. Here we will take the wine and the water; Here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt to the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; Give us to eat the bread that is you. Nourish us well and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light-years away, But here in this place, the new light is shining; Now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us your own. Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Offertory — You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know that I am here I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadow of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. **Ref.**

Ref: Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are Mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. **Ref.**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world can not give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live! **Ref.**

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Communion — Speak, Lord

Refrain: Speak, Lord, I love to listen to your voice. See, Lord, here I am.

- 1. My heart is silent, Lord. My soul is still, waiting upon your voice. Tell me your will.
- Your word is life, O Lord, through all my days, like a radiant light guiding my way.
 Your law stands firm, O Lord, strong as a rock.
 It endures through the night and the storm. Ref.
- Your word is like a lamp burning so bright, showing the path ahead, giving me sight.
 In darkness I am lost: your word gives light.
 Speak to me, live in me, saving Word. Ref.
- 4. I am the Teacher Christ, speaking to you. Here is my mighty word holy and true. Come, listen when I speak words filled with light. Learn o fee, of my life, of my love. **Ref.**

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Communion — At the Table of the World

1. At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none, At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed.

Refrain: Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care! Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love!

- 2. At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn, At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed. **Ref.**
- 3. Set the table of our God in the Church and in the world,
 Till the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good. Ref. x 2

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Closing songs for Mass are the Eucharistic procession songs.

Music for Eucharistic Procession

O Saving Victim/O Salutaris Hostia (Duguet)

O salutaris hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, op'ning wide The gate of heav'n to us below: Our foes press on from ev'ry side; Your aid supply, Your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three! O grant us endless length of days When our true native land we see. Amen.

Text St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274. Tune Dieudonne Duguet 1794-1849. Tr. Edward Caswell 1814-1878

O Bread of Life (DUGUET)

O bread of life, O Lord of love, Give us the strength that is your light, For you are Christ, the living God, And in your grace we find our might.

Divine Redeemer, Lord of life, Teach us to choose, the better part: To choose yourself, the lasting bread, Our only need of mind and heart.

In this most holy sacrament Your sacred presence we revere; O God-made-man, we bow to see, O Word-made-flesh, we kneel to hear.

Receive these eyes which look on you; Receive our hearing and our voice That these may serve your holy will, That in your word we may rejoice. Amen

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Tantum Ergo (St. Thomas)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Text Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274 Tr. Tune John F. Wade 1711-1786.

Humbly Let Us Voice Our Homage (St. Thomas)

- Humbly let us voice our homage For so great a sacrament;
 Let all former rites surrender To the Lord's New Testament;
 What the senses fail to fathom, Let us grasp through faith's consent!
- 2. Glory, honor, adoration Let us sing with one accord!
 Praised be God, almighty Father; Praised by Christ, his Son, our Lord;
 Praised by God the Holy Spirit; Triune Godhead, be adored. Amen.

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Mass — August 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering — Sing A New Song

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia!

- Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.
 And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. Ref.
- Rise, O children from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
 He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. Ref.
- Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
 The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised, I know my Savior lives. Ref

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Offertory — One Bread, One Body

Ref: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more
- 2. Many the gift, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
- 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Text: 1Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:4, 12-13; Galatians 3:28, the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ b.1939 Tune: John Foley, SJ b. 1939 ©John Foley, SJ b. 1939 and OCP All rights reserved OneLicense E-804670

Communion — Christ Be Our Light

1. 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.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in Your church, gathered today.

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us Your living voice. **Ref.**
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Ref.**
- 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Ref.**
- 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. **Ref.**

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Communion — How Can I Keep From Singing?

1. My Life flows on in endless song. Above earth's lamentation I hear the clear though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christi is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

- 2. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing. **Ref.**
- 3. What though my joys and comfort die? The Lord my savior liveth.

 What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth. Ref.
- 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing? Ref.

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Closing Song — Prayer of St. Francis

- Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me bring you love.
 Where there is injury your pardon, Lord.
 And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness only light,
 And where there's sadness ever joy.
- Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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