

TO SEE THE LIGHT

Even though there's a light in the world
We can still choose to see the night unfurled
And walk in the dark- the dark might suit us very well.
We can talk about peace and get ready for war
While our standard of living is killing the poor.
Our hearts are so numb
Just what does it mean to come into the light.

Into the light. Into the light. Into the light.
Oh God is like the sun, we were meant to come
Into the light. Into the light.
Into the light. Into the light.

Each is a light but it's weak and small
And the night seems huge- we despair of it all
But don't hide that light, the night won't have its way.
What we learn in the dark we will tell to the day,
What we're whispering now we'll shout to convey:
Everything will be clear.
Every pebble and stone will cheer to see the light.

CHORUS A: To see the light. To see the light. To see the light.
Like a candle or a spark dancing in the dark
To see the light. To see the light.
To see the light. To see the light.

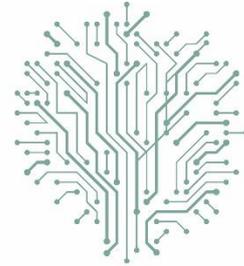
CHORUS B: Dancing through the wind and the rain.
Blazing up from the ashes of pain.
Calling out from the darkness again to see the light.

You know the truth, it's a simple thing:
In the land of the blind the one eyed is king.
But open both eyes, see disguises fall away.
And when the morning shines over valley and hill,
When the low is lifted and the empty filled,
At the break of that day, with the blind man we'll say:
I see the light.

CHORUS A: I see the light. I see the light. I see the light.
Like a candle or a spark dancing in the dark.
I see the light. I see the light.
I see the light. I see the light.

CHORUS B:
Candle light that softens the stain.
Sun light that ripens the grain.
Laser light that can cut through a chain.
I see the light

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SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Mark 1:29-39
Epiphany 5 The Freedom of Truth

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.
(light the candle)

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Eternal Truth,
Move in our lives

With your love that speaks out against hatred

With your wisdom that shapes our actions.

With your peace that brings reconciliation.

With your hope that leads us beyond our despair.

May your truth reign and your light shame the darkness.

May we continue to walk in your ways, in Christ.

Amen

Song:

[To see the Light](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/58-to-see-the-light) by Peter Kearney

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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If

thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Merciful Creator, you call us to live the truth born out in love, compassion and wisdom. In a world where lies are so easily accepted, **give us the courage to speak your truth.**

(pause)

We hear the cry of the powerless and the suffering in the world and know you are with them, Jesus Christ.

May we also be alongside them and bear witness to your healing.

(pause)

We have ignored the truth of climate change, habitat destruction and the impact of pollutants on the land and in the seas. **Help us be honest with our actions and may we seek ways of restoration and renewal.**

(pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them also. **Give us faith to be open and caring, as Christ is to us.**

(pause)

In this time of silence we bring you prayers.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[Trust Me](#) by John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/album/shade-tree-place>

Closing Responses & Blessing

Go from here, journey with the Truth found in Christ. Go with open hearts and minds, knowing the Spirit of God is with you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for justice and peace.

As the light of Christ guides you and resides within you.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**