

## 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.

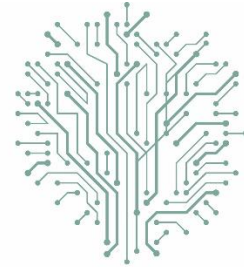
CHORUS B: Dancing through the wind and the rain.  
Blazing up from the ashes of pain.  
Calling out from the darkness again to see the light.

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.  
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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

John 1:29-42  
The Constant Presence of God

### 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.

### 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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### 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

John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who is with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

## The Message

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

## Questions for conversation

What do you think about God being a constant presence in your life?

In knowing that God is a constant presence in your life how does that change the way you live out your faith?

## Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Allow yourself the freedom to be aware of the Spirit's movement in your life.

## 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/track/trust-me>

## 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**