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Light of the World

Unison or Two-Part Equal Voices, Piano, Flute, Optional Handbells

Based on John 1, Antiphon for Evening Prayer

Adapt. by GPC

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3 octaves
Handbells used: 12



♩ = 104

Flute

Handbells (opt.)

Piano

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The text of this catechetical song is based on John 1, especially verses 1, 4, 5 and 9; and on the traditional antiphon for evening prayer, "Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome." It is appropriate for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

On each of the three stanzas it is possible to have a soloist sing measures 9 to 24, with the choir entering on the third beat of measure 24 with the words, "And the Word became flesh."

The antiphon is always sung twice in succession, first with a smaller and then with a fuller sound. This can be achieved by having a smaller group sing the antiphon the first time, always followed by the whole choir.

It is also possible to have the antiphon repeated by the congregation, in which case the congregational page may be reproduced for use in the service folder as long as the designated permission appears as written.

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and the Word was God. He was
shin - ing in dark - ness, and the
And from His full - ness we have

(21)

in the be - gin - ning with God. And the
dark - ness did not o - ver - come it.
all re - ceived grace up - on grace.

mp

(33)

glo - ry as of the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,

(37)

full ____ of grace ____ and truth. ____

(49)

Antiphon (large group)

Je - sus Christ is the light! The

Antiphon (large group)

Je - sus Christ is the light of the world! The

(53)

light no dark - ness can o - ver - come!

light no dark - ness can o - ver - come!

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come!

come!

mp

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mp

Je - sus the light of the world!

mp

Je - sus the light of the world!

mp