

Hymns10.Mar5rvsd8.12.3 **THE WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT IS CHRIST**

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world.'" John 8:12 NRSV

"You are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14 NRSV

The world's true light is Christ,
revealing God's bright way,
as lamp, or blaze, or lightning's flash,
shine in our darkest day.

May we help light this world--
illuminated by God's grace;
the light of Christ enables us
to see our neighbor's face.

So let your light shine out;
the Spirit's gifts employ
to work for justice, peace, and hope,
and radiate God's joy.

Words: R. Frederick Crider, Jr. ©1999 Scripture: John 8:12 & Matt. 5:14 NRSV

Suggested tune: St. Thomas SM Aaron Williams, The New Universal Psalmist, 1770 (cf. tune #540 UMH "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord")