The Church's Mission

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,
the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sun-rise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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