

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

Gather Us In

D A C G

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter;
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,

Gm Dm C G

now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way;
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 here we will take the bread of new birth.
 not in some heav-en, light years a-way:

D A C G

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm Dm C D C

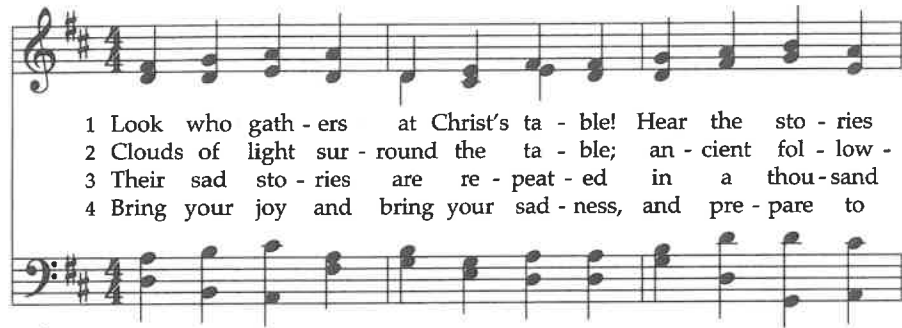
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gm D A C D G A

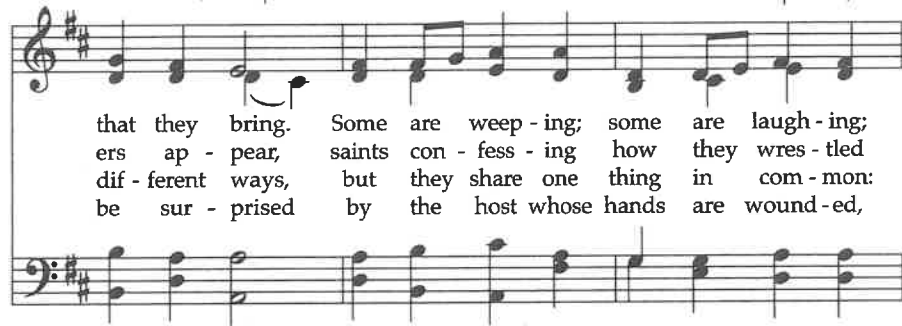
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en;
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty;
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion;
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er;

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

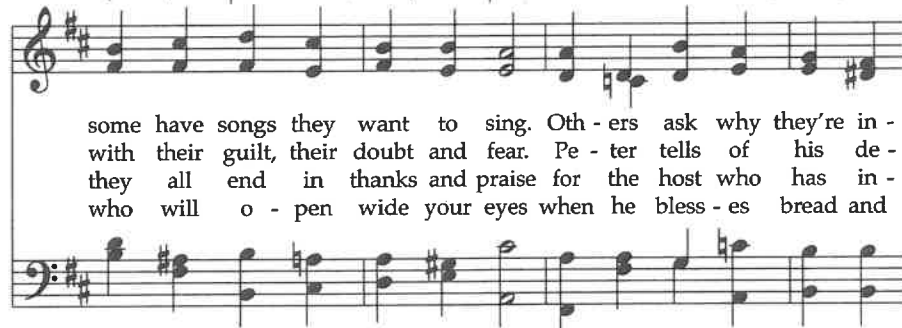
506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!



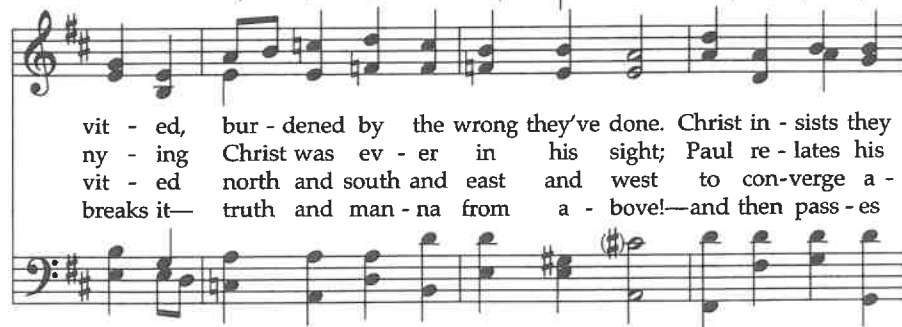
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to




that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."

530 One Bread, One Body *Oct 3*

G D G Em A C G C

One

Refrain G C G C G D

bread, one bod-y, one Lord of

Refrain

Em D G D G Em

all, one cup of bless - ing which we

A D C G C

bless. And we, though

G C G D Em D

man-y, through-out the earth,

G D G Em A D

we are one bod - y in this one

To stanzas	Final ending
G C G D	G C G Fine

Lord. Lord. Fine

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

Oct 3

One Bread, one Body

Em D

1 Gen - tile or Jew,
 2 Man - y the gifts,
 3 Grain for the fields,

Em D Em7

ser - vant or free, wom - an or
 man - y the works, one in the
 scat - tered and grown, gath - ered to

F Am to Refrain D

man, no more. One
 Lord of all. One
 one, for all. One

2 3 4 1 2

to Refrain