Gather Us, O Lord

for Risa Larson

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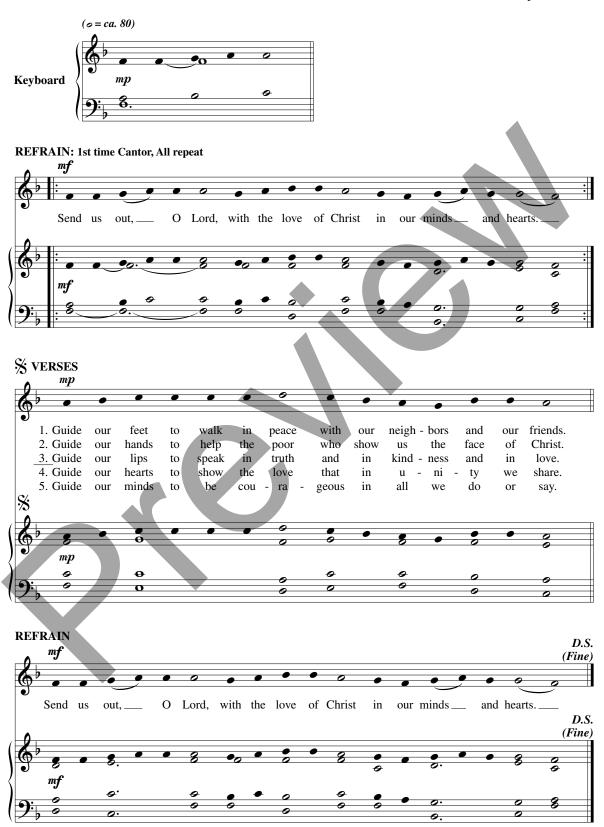
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Composer Notes

These simple chants in plainsong style were written for more traditional assemblies and to encourage singing at early morning masses. Each piece has a refrain with verses, and may be sung in alternation between cantor/choir and assembly, or sung by all throughout; the vocal range has been kept small to encourage confident participation. These chants may be sung *a cappella* or with simple keyboard accompaniment, preferably on an organ or instrument with sustained tone, and should be sung with the flexibility of plainsong, giving natural emphasis to the word declamation without being rigidly metrical.

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Sing as many verses as it takes the procession to reach the sanctuary. Verses are given for Ordinary Time and also for Advent and Lent. During Advent or Lent, sing the specific verse for that Sunday followed by one or more of the general verses if needed. Always end with the refrain.

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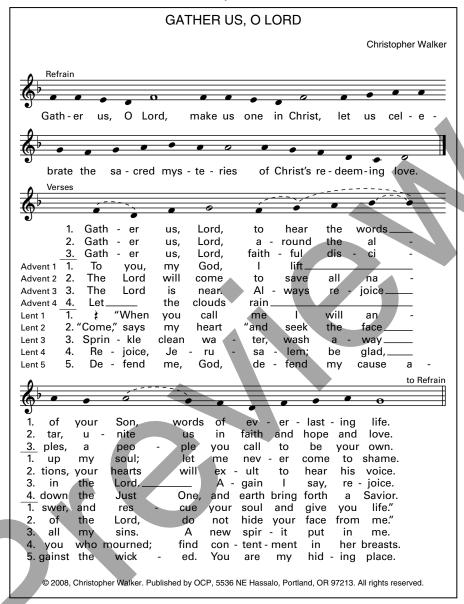
If the number of people coming forward for communion is large, alternate cantor verses with instrumental verses for variety, and to allow aural space for reflection and prayer. The verses may be sung in any order, or others added.

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Select verses most appropriate for the day. Sing the verses with some energy, allowing a slight pause before going back to the refrain.

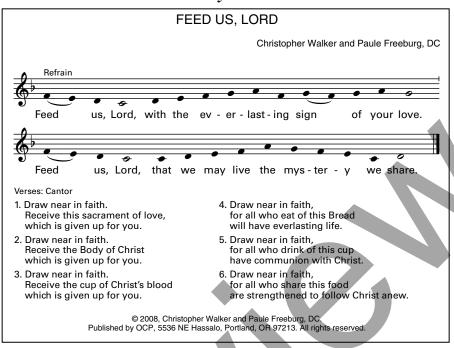
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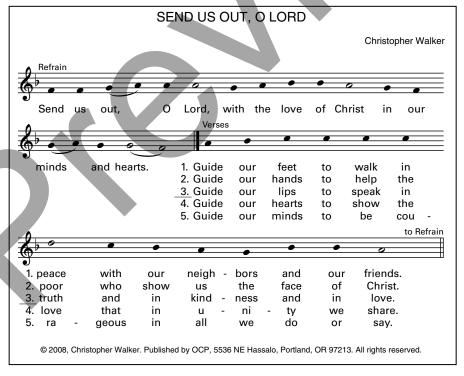
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