

Gather Us, O Lord

for Risa Larson

Christopher Walker

(♩ = ca. 66)

REFRAIN
mp

Gath - er us, O Lord, make us one in Christ,

Keyboard
mp

let us cel - e - brate the sa - cred mys - te - ries of Christ's re - deem - ing love.

Fine

VERSES (General)

1. Gath - er us, Lord, to hear the words of your
 2. Gath - er us, Lord, a - round the al - tar, u -
 3. Gath - er us, Lord, faith - ful dis - ci - ples, a

1. Son, words of ev - er - last - ing life.
 2. nite us in faith and hope and love.
 3. peo - ple you call to be your own.

D.S.

D.S.

VERSES (Advent)

(Advent 1) 1. To you, my God, I lift _____ up my
 (Advent 2) 2. The Lord will come to save all na - tions, your
 (Advent 3) 3. The Lord is near. Al - ways re - jice in the
 (Advent 4) 4. Let _____ the clouds rain _____ down the

1. soul; let me nev - er come to shame.
 2. hearts will ex - ult to hear his voice.
 3. Lord. _____ A - gain I say, re - jice.
 4. Just One, and earth bring forth a Savior.

D.S.

VERSES (Lent)

(Lent 1) 1. "When you call me I will an - swer, and
 (Lent 2) 2. "Come," says my heart, "and seek the face _____ of the
 (Lent 3) 3. Sprin - kle clean wa - ter, wash a - way _____ all my
 (Lent 4) 4. Re - jice, Je - ru - sa - lem; be glad, _____ you who
 (Lent 5) 5. De - fend me, God, de - fend my cause a - gainst the

1. res - cue your soul and give you life."
 2. Lord, do not hide your face from me."
 3. sins. A new spir - it put in me.
 4. mourned; find con - tent - ment in her breasts.
 5. wick - ed. You are my hid - ing place.

D.S.

Feed Us, Lord

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(♩ = ca. 66)

REFRAIN: All
mp

Feed ___ us, Lord, with the ev - er - last - ing sign ___

of your love. Feed ___ us, Lord, that we may live the mys - ter - y we share.

VERSE: Cantor

1. Draw near in faith. Re-ceive this sa - cra - ment of love, which is giv - en up for you.
 2. Draw near in faith. Re-ceive the Bod - y of Christ which is giv - en up for you.
 3. Draw near in faith. Re-ceive the cup ___ of Christ's blood which is giv - en up for you.
 4. Draw near in faith, for all who eat ___ of this Bread will have ev - er - last - ing life.
 5. Draw near in faith, for all who drink ___ of this cup have com - mu - nion with Christ.
 6. Draw near in faith, for all who share this food are strength - ened to fol - low Christ a - new.

Fine

Fine

D.S.

D.S.

Keyboard

mp

Send Us Out, O Lord

Christopher Walker

(♩ = ca. 80)

Keyboard *mp*

REFRAIN: 1st time Cantor, All repeat

mf

Send us out, — O Lord, with the love of Christ in our minds — and hearts. —

§ VERSES

mp

1. Guide our feet to walk in peace with our neigh - bors and our friends.
2. Guide our hands to help the poor who show us the face of Christ.
3. Guide our lips to speak in truth and in kind - ness and in love.
4. Guide our hearts to show the love that in u - ni - ty we share.
5. Guide our minds to be cou - ra - geous in all we do or say.

REFRAIN

mf

Send us out, — O Lord, with the love of Christ in our minds — and hearts. —

*D.S.
(Fine)*

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.

Gather Us, O Lord

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.

Feed Us, Lord

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.

Send Us Out, O Lord

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


—*Christopher Walker*

Assembly Editions

GATHER US, O LORD

Christopher Walker

Refrain




Gath-er us, O Lord, make us one in Christ, let us cel - e -
brate the sa - cred mys - te - ries of Christ's re - deem - ing love.

Verses



1. Gath - er us, Lord, to hear the words _____
2. Gath - er us, Lord, a - round the al -
3. Gath - er us, Lord, faith - ful dis - ci -
Advent 1 1. To you, my God, I lift _____
Advent 2 2. The Lord will come to save all na -
Advent 3 3. The Lord is near. Al - ways re - joice _____
Advent 4 4. Let _____ the clouds rain _____
Lent 1 1. "When you call me I will an -
Lent 2 2. "Come," says my heart "and seek the face _____
Lent 3 3. Sprin - kle clean wa - ter, wash a - way _____
Lent 4 4. Re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem; be glad, _____
Lent 5 5. De - fend me, God, de - fend my cause a -

to Refrain



1. of your Son, words of ev - er - last - ing life.
2. tar, u - nite us in faith and hope and love.
3. ples, a peo - ple you call to be your own.
1. up my soul; let me nev - er come to shame.
2. tions, your hearts will ex - ult to hear his voice.
3. in the Lord. A - gain I say, re - joice.
4. down the Just One, and earth bring forth a Savior.
1. swer, and res - cue your soul and give you life."
2. of the Lord, do not hide your face from me."
3. all my sins. A new spir - it put in me.
4. you who mourned; find con - tent - ment in her breasts.
5. gainst the wick - ed. You are my hid - ing place.

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Refrain

Feed us, Lord, with the ev - er - last - ing sign of your love.

Feed us, Lord, that we may live the mys - ter - y we share.

Verses: Cantor

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| 1. Draw near in faith.
Receive this sacrament of love,
which is given up for you. | 4. Draw near in faith,
for all who eat of this Bread
will have everlasting life. |
| 2. Draw near in faith.
Receive the Body of Christ
which is given up for you. | 5. Draw near in faith,
for all who drink of this cup
have communion with Christ. |
| 3. Draw near in faith.
Receive the cup of Christ's blood
which is given up for you. | 6. Draw near in faith,
for all who share this food
are strengthened to follow Christ anew. |

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Refrain

Send us out, O Lord, with the love of Christ in our

Verses

minds and hearts.

1. Guide our feet to walk in	2. Guide our hands to help the
3. Guide our lips to speak in	4. Guide our hearts to show the
5. Guide our minds to be cou -	

to Refrain

1. peace with our neigh - bors and our friends.
2. poor who show us the face of Christ.
3. truth and in kind - ness and in love.
4. love that in u - ni - ty we share.
5. ra - geous in all we do or say.

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