

#532 Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is streaming now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away
here in this place the new light is shining now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own,
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

#656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

#641 All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain:**
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain:**
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain:**
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed As words within the Word.
Build of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain:**

#465 As the Grains of Wheat

**Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
May we share the presence of your love. **Refrain:**
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
When all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain:**

#650 In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. Join hands disciples of the faith, what-e'er you race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.