

Call to Worship

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**
We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:
**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**
We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:
**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

Opening Prayer

**Holy, Creating, Creative God,
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.
We sing from the abundance of our joy.
We sing in voices separate and unique.
We sing with one voice as your body.
May the words of our mouths, whether in
speech or song, and the meditations of our
hearts, whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

Offering

**Almighty God, who made us who we are,
we offer all of ourselves to You.
Take our talents, our energy and our joy,
and use us to share Your love.
Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain,
and use us to bring Your healing.
Magnify the gifts we offer before You today,
to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ
as our Lord and King.
Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality
among us and to bring it to those around us by our
words and deeds.
The way to do this is to live as he lived:
for others, in love and service.
May almighty God bless you for this task:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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, the 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 mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
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
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, 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 bones
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Open Our Eyes

- 1. Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.**
- 2. Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Rescue the Perishing

1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Refrain:

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

2. Though they are slighting him, still he is
waiting, waiting the penitent child to
receive;
plead with them earnestly, plead with them
gently; he will forgive if they only believe.
(Refrain)
3. Down in the human heart, crushed by the
tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can
restore; touched by a loving heart, wakened
by kindness, chords that were broken will
vibrate once more.
(Refrain)
4. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
back to the narrow way patiently win them;
tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.
(Refrain)

Spirit Song

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you
whole Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your
lambs Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your
lambs
2. Oh come and sing the song of gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His
name Oh give Him all your tears and
sadness Give Him all your years of pain And
you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs

