

We Gather Together

KREMSER

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be yours!

3. We all do extol you, our leader triumphant,
And pray that you still our defender will be.
Let your congregation escape tribulation:
Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Text: 12 11 12 11; Wilt heden nu treden; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt. Music: Valerius' Nederlandtsche Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626.

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Dan Feiten

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?

Seed, scattered and sown...

2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

Seed, scattered and sown...

3. As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
So may the church of God be gathered into one.

Seed, scattered and sown...

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The Supper of the Lord

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Refrain

Precious body, precious blood,
seen as bread and wine;
here the Lord prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now,
cup of life is poured:
come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God
coming down from heav'n,
giving life to us,
to all the world.

2. "I am the living spring
of eternal life;
you that drink from me
shall not thirst again."

3. "I am the bread of heav'n
giving life to you;
you that eat this bread
shall never die."

4. "All those who feed on me
have their life in me,
as I have my life
in the living God."

5. All praise to you, O Christ,
present in this feast;
in this bread, we share
in one life, one Lord.

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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET/Johann Crüger

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms

Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us!
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be, evermore.

Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22–24; Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878,
alt.

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; adapt. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847, alt.