

St. Laurence Catholic Church

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Music Worship Aid

Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away
Here 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

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.

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Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

Sing a New Church

Summoned by the God who made us, rich in our diversity.
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.

Let us bring the gifts that differ, and in splendid varied ways
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Trust the goodness of creation, trust the Spirit strong within
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been

Bring the hopes of every nation, bring the art of every race
Weave a song of peace and justice, let it sound through time and space.

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Take and Eat

Take and eat, take and drink, this is my body given up for you
Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you

I am the Word that spoke and light was made - I am the seed that died to be reborn.
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above - I am the vine, that fills your cup with joy.

I am the way that leads the exile home – I am the truth that sets the captive free
I am the life that raises up the dead – I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin – I am the gate that guards you night and day.
You are my flock you know the shepherd's voice – You are my own, your ransom is my blood

I am the cornerstone that God has laid – a chosen stone and precious in his eyes.
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest – like living stones a temple for God's praise

I am the light that came into the world – I am the light that darkness cannot hide
I am the morning star that never sets – lift up your face, in you my light will shine

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays.
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

