

## 'As We Gather at Your Table'

As we gather at your Table,  
as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

*Carl P Daw*

## 'Faithful Shepherd Feed Me' – (138)

### POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

## FINAL HYMN: 'Christ is the World's Light' – (88)

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## GATHERING HYMN: 'Let Us Build a House' – (383)

### COLLECT:

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

**Ephesians 2: 11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical

circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL HYMN—** ‘O God of Life, Your Healing Touch’

O God of life, your healing touch brings wholeness and salvation!  
In you, this world you love so much becomes a new creation.

Through Jesus Christ you blessed the poor, unleashed your gifts of healing.  
You gave new sight, new strength, new life — to all, your love revealing.

O Christ, the loving healer still, you gather us for mission  
To serve your people who are ill, whatever their condition.

You send us to the suffering with medicine and caring;  
Now make our lives an offering to those who are despairing.

Lord, by your Spirit, may we hear the truth of others' stories.  
May we respect their doubts and fears, their hopes and dreams, their worries.

And when their ways are not our own, Lord, give us understanding:  
Our faith cannot be fully grown when we are too unbending.

How long, Lord, shall we serve the poor — a week, a month, a season?  
We ask the question, hoping for a limit to our mission.

**We sing verse 8 after the Gospel Reading**

But open wide our hearts anew and show us, as we're giving,  
Your life-long call to serving you in daily, generous living.

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 6.30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE GIFTS:**

‘The King of Love My Shepherd Is’ – (634)

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

‘I come with joy’ – (289)

