

GATHERING HYMN

ACS 924 “As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 958 “To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold”

1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's
 2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as
 3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our

won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied
 liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all
 trea - sure and our song, in faith we

grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.
 thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.
 cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.

Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with
 The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the
 In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the

Christ from death we rise, drawn through the
 veil of sin and grief, and in their
 world be - loved and whole. In love re -

night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant
 place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and
 main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -

life, in - to a - bun - dant life.
 peace, and robes of joy and peace.
 told, God's won - ders still un - told.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WONDERS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 465 “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 506 “The Word of God Is Source and Seed”



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - jice, in the Lord let us re - jice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!
in the Lord let us re - jice!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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