

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024



## **As We Gather at Your Table (Nettleton)**

1. 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 vict'ry known.
2. 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.
3. 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.

# Because the Lord Is My Shepherd

Christopher Walker

1. Because the Lord is my shepherd,  
I have ev'ry thing I need.  
He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me  
to the quiet streams.  
He restores my soul and he leads me  
in the paths that are right:

**Refrain:**

**Lord, you are my shepherd,  
you are my friend.  
I want to follow you always,  
just to follow my friend.**

2. And when the road leads to darkness,  
I shall walk there unafraid.  
Even when death is close I have courage,  
for your help is there.  
You are close beside me with comfort,  
you are guiding my way:

**Refrain:**

3. In love you make me a banquet  
for my enemies to see.  
You make me welcome, pouring down honor  
from your mighty hand,  
and this joy fills me with gladness;  
it is too much to bear:

**Refrain:**

4. Your goodness always is with me  
and your mercy I know.  
Your loving kindness strengthens me always  
as I go through life.  
I shall dwell in your presence forever,  
giving praise to your name:

**Refrain:**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And in her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With your wonted loving kindness,  
Hear your servants as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction,  
Shed in all its brightest ray.

3. Grant, we pray, to all your people,  
All the grace they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory,  
Evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one,  
One in might and one in glory,  
While unending ages run.

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