

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



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.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
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1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling for you to come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

3. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Lift high the cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Lift high the cross...

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross...

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, Draw the world to thee.

Lift high the cross...

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross...

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