



THE PARISH OF ST PETER  
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B**  
**25<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 10:00**

**Gathering**

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See 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 mystery,  
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.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever;  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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## Responsorial Psalm

*You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God,

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

You are just in all your ways and loving in all your deeds.  
You are close to all who call you, who call on you from their hearts.

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## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
You have the message of eternal life.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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## Preparation of Gifts

Blest are you who made the universe, you who see beyond our death.  
Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with every breath.  
*Blest be you with every breath.*

Through your goodness we have bread to eat, seeds that died to bring life new.  
As the sep'rate grains become one loaf, gather us as one in you.  
*Gather us as one in you.*

Through your goodness we have wine to drink, fruit of vineyard, work of hands.  
Let the fruits of all we celebrate spread your love to ev'ry land.  
*Spread your love to ev'ry land.*

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Here the stranger is a welcome guest, here all hungers shall be fed.  
Come and know the one who brings you life in the breaking of the bread.  
*In the breaking of the bread.*

Blest are you who made the universe, you who see beyond our death.  
Blest are you who dwells in each of us. Blest be you with every breath.  
*Blest be you with every breath.*

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This words of this song bring together more than 2000 years of praise to Almighty God, for the gift of His creation, which we offer to Him in the Eucharist. It begins by quoting the ancient Jewish *Berakah* blessing, still said at every Sabbath: *Blest are you Lord God, Sovereign of the Universe*. And it continues with rich images from the New Testament (“seed that died to bring life new” – Jn 12:24; “the breaking of the bread” - Lk 24:35) and from our Apostolic tradition (“as the separate grains become one loaf, gather us as one in you” – *The Didache*, c.150 AD). Combining our Jewish, New Testament and Apostolic heritage, with contemporary expressions of charity and justice, it is a song of all the ages, in praise of Him Whom we address in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer: “You never cease to gather a people to Yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting, a pure sacrifice may be offered to Your name.”

## **Holy Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

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## **Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

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## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## Holy Communion

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth, come to the table of plenty;  
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.*

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends;  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely, to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money, come to drink without price;  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and war;  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Your field will flower in fullness; your home will flourish in peace,  
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

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## Sending Forth

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name;  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God;  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death;  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken; new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;  
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

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Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp;  
Praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

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