

# We Gather Together

*Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century  
Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894  
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992*

1 We gath-er to-gether  
to ask for God's bless-ing,  
to live in com-mu-ni-ty,  
seek-ing God's will.  
We come now, as sis-ters  
and broth-ers, con-fess-ing  
the sins that di-vide  
and the wrong in us still.

2 Be-side us, for-giv-ing,  
en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,  
you call us, O Sav-ior,  
to life that is new.  
You draw us a-way  
from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.  
You lead us and guide us  
in ways that are true.

3 All praise to the Spir-it,  
pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.  
You of-fer us free-dom,  
to fol-low or stray,  
Em-pow-er-ing all by  
the hope you en-gen-der.  
Grant wis-dom and cour-age  
to fol-low your way.

*The original text of this hymn was one of thanksgiving for The Netherlands' independence from Spanish domination in the sixteenth century. It has been reinterpreted for contemporary congregations by United Church of Christ minister and writer Lavon Bayler.*

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.  
16th-century Dutch melody  
Arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

# Come, O Thankful People, Come

Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.  
St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.  
St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.

*Descant*

3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;  
2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,  
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

*This hymn represents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by nineteenth-century poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century poet Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this combined form, which appeared early in the twentieth century, is not known.*

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.  
George J. Elvey, 1858  
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931

and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.

all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;  
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,  
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.

Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;  
All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,  
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,  
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

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## All Beautiful the March of Days

1 All beau - ti - ful the march of days, as sea - sons come and go,  
2 O'er white ex - pans - es spark - ling pure the ra - diant morns un - fold,  
3 O God, from whose un - fath - omed law the year in beau - ty flows,

the hand that shaped the rose has wrought the crys - tal of the snow,  
the sol - emn splen - dours of the night burn bright - er through the cold,  
your - self the vi - sion pass - ing by in crys - tal and in rose,

has sent the sil - very frost of heaven, the flow - ing wa - ters sealed,  
life mounts in ev - ery throb - bing vein, love deep - ens round the hearth,  
day un - to day de - clare thro' speech, and night to night pro - claim

and laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.  
and clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, good will to all on earth.  
in ev - er - chang - ing words of light the won - der of your name.

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## Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest who dwell in high - est heav - en,

who from our moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart ca. 1636, English trans. Catherine Winkworth 1858, alt.,  
 French trans. Flossette du Pasquier 1950, rév.

Music: Johann Crüger 1647

NUN DANKET  
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## Louons le Créateur

1 Louons le Créateur,  
chantons à Dieu louanges!  
Et joignons notre voix  
au concert de ses anges!  
Dès les bras maternels  
il nous a protégés  
et, jusqu'au dernier jour,  
il est notre berger.

2 Loué soit notre Dieu!  
Que notre vie entière  
tous nous vivions joyeux  
sous le regard du Père;

qu'il nous tienne en sa grâce  
et nous guide toujours,  
nous garde du malheur  
par son unique amour.

3 De ce Dieu trois fois saint  
qui règne dans la gloire,  
chrétiens, empressons-nous  
de chanter la victoire;  
c'est lui qui nous unit  
et nous fait retrouver  
le chemin de l'amour  
et de la liberté.

## Let Us Praise the God of Truth

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Unison

Let us praise the God of truth, let us praise the  
Ren - dons grâ - ce au Dieu saint, ren - dons grâ - ce  
Ba ni ngye - ti Ba Ya - we, ba ni ngye - ti

God of peace, let us praise the God of love. A - men.  
au Dieu juste, ren - dons grâ - ce au Dieu bon. A - men.  
Ba Ya - we, ba ni ngye - ti Ba Ya - we. A - men.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. A - men.

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BA NINGYETI

Irregular with hallelujahs