

# Songs for First Holy Communions 2014

## Gather Us In

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 history,  
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—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Lord Have Mercy

Lord have mercy, for we are sinners,  
Lord have mercy, we are alone,  
Lord have mercy, each man an island,  
Lord have mercy, we have no home.

Christ have mercy, we saw You dying,  
Christ have mercy, alone on the cross,  
Christ have mercy, we saw You living  
Christ have mercy, no man is lost.

Lord have mercy, for we are trying,  
Lord have mercy, we can forgive,  
Lord have mercy, sharing Your friendship,  
Lord have mercy, together we can live  
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## Gloria

**Gloria xx Gloria xx in excelsis deo,**

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Lord God, heavenly King, peace You bring to us,  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
We sing our song of praise.

**Gloria xx.....**

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins O Lord, have mercy on us all.

**Gloria xx.....**

At the fathers' right hand, Lord receive our prayer,  
For You alone are the Holy One and  
You alone are Lord.

**Gloria xx.....**

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,  
To You we raise our hands up high,  
We glorify Your name,

**Gloria xx.....**

## Response to the psalm:

May Your Love be upon us O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in You. (x2)  
(verses to be sung solo)

ALLELUIA!

## One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

**One bread, one body.....**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

**One bread, one body.....**

## Holy, holy

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is he who comes.  
Blessed is he who comes in the Lords name.  
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is he who comes.  
Blessed is he who comes in the Lords name.  
Hosanna in the heights of Heaven,  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

## Acclamation of Faith

Hosanna in the heights of Heaven,  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

## Sign of Peace- 'Making Peace'

Making peace means I don't want to hurt  
Making peace means I'm glad when you smile  
Making peace means I forgive what you've done  
Let's make peace

Making peace means that I understand  
Making peace means that I'll try again  
Making peace means that you're still my friend  
Let's make peace

### Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away, who takes away the sins of the world. X2

Behold the Lamb of God, white as snow, pure as gold  
Greater love the world has never known!

### Communion- 1. Be Still for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### 2. Pardon peace

**Pardon Peace we ask of You oh Lord  
As we approach your altar to receive You.  
We're not afraid, we're counting on Your word  
That You will help us if we but believe You.**

Oh wonderful gift to find You in our midst  
And know that we can make Your heart our home  
Take all we are and lead us to that star  
Where we can sing eternally Shalom.

### **Chorus**

You brought us out of the darkness  
You've given light to see  
You share with us Your life and strength and love  
In You we live, in You we can be free  
In You we find that peace we're dreaming of

### **Chorus**

Post communion:

### Open our Eyes (children only)

1. Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Your face.  
Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see.
2. Open our ears, Lord. Help us to hear Your voice.  
Open our ears, Lord. Help us to hear.

*Bridge: And the first shall be last and our eyes are opened  
And we'll hear like never before.  
And we'll speak in new ways and we'll see God's face  
In places we've never known.*

3. Open our hearts, Lord. Help us to love like You.  
Open our hearts, Lord. Help us to love.

4. We live within You. Deep in Your heart, O love.  
We live within You. Rest now in us.

### Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus**