

## **Joyful, Joyful, We Are Gathered**

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**Joyful, joyful we are gathered 'round the table of the Lord!  
Ready now to celebrate communion with the living Word.  
Here are spread the blood and body of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Let us sing his praise unceasing and with loving hearts rejoice.**

**As we eat this living bread and drink this holy cup of wine,  
Graft us into Jesus Christ as branches of the one true vine.  
Prune away our love of sinning; make us fruitful, healthy, strong.  
Fill us with the joy of serving; guide our hearts away from wrong.**

**Folk from all the world are gath'ring, folk from north, south, west and east.  
Christians of all nations coming to partake this holy feast.  
Holy Spirit! Come to unite us in this world of dark and fear;  
Strengthen us to share the Gospel; bring good news of hope and cheer.**