

# St. Matthew

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COME FOLLOW ME — MICHAEL

### **Gathering Song: The God of All Grace**

Refrain: The God of all grace has blessed us this day,  
All of creation join us in praise; lifting our voices, lifting our hearts  
To the glory of God forever!

1. God of power and might, come into our presence this day.  
Strengthen us now with a spirit of faith: we gather in your name!

2. God of mercy and truth, bring us from night into day.  
Nourish our lives with a spirit of hope and shield us from all fear!

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### **Responsorial Psalm:**

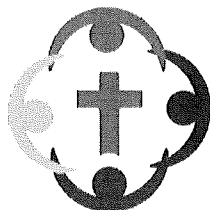
“Here I am, Lord. Here I am. I come to do your will.”

### **Preparation of the Gifts: Taste and See**

Refrain: Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God.  
(repeat)

1. Glory, glory to God most high, glory, blessing and praise.  
With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God,  
who hears the cry of all in need. (refrain)

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## **Communion Song: Behold the Lamb**

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;  
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift,  
Thankful for God's love.

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;  
And all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!

2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blest with understanding  
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word  
And the love we share. (refrain)
3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.  
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast;  
Shelter them with peace. (refrain)
4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.  
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow;  
Cradle us with love. (refrain)

Text: Martin Willett, b. 1960, alt.

Tune: Martin Willett, b. 1960

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## **Closing Song: They'll Know We Are Christians**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Text: Peter Scholtes, b. 1938, Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b. 1938

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