

## **Hymn: What Is This Place (VT 22)**

### *Verse 1:*

What is this place where we are meeting?  
Only a house, the earth its floor,  
walls and a roof sheltering people,  
windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,  
and know our God is near.

### *Verse 2:*

Words from afar, stars that are falling,  
sparks that are sown in us like seed.  
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders  
sent from the past are what we need.  
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:  
God's free redeeming Word.

### *Verse 3:*

And we accept bread at his table,  
broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living,  
we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:  
God's justice and God's peace.

*Text: Huub Oosterhuis (Netherlands), Zomaar een dak boven wat hoofden,  
1968; trans. David Smith (England), © 1967 OCP Publications*

## **Hymn: Longing for Light (VT 715)**

### *Verse 1:*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### *Refrain:*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Verse 2:*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your Word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

*Verse 3:*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain*

*Verse 4:*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

*Verse 5:*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Refrain:*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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## **Theme Hymn: Together (VT 389)**

### *Verse 1:*

I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me?  
The notes won't always come out as I'd like,  
but I will learn to see the log in my own eye.  
God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

### *Verse 2:*

I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me?  
My words will be imperfect, but I'll try.  
Bringing my assumptions to the light, I'll pray,  
God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

### *Verse 3:*

I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me?  
Difference is a place where God is found.  
In seeking peace, we're walking onto holy ground.  
God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

### *Verse 4:*

We will sing our song together; sing in harmony.  
We will sing our song together, whether two or three.  
Jesus feels our pain; he sets us free.  
The Spirit's given us this song of hope to sing:  
God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.  
Bring us together, bring us together.

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## **Hymn of Response: Hope of Abraham and Sarah (VT 807)**

### *Verse 1:*

Hope of Abraham and Sarah, friend of Hagar, God of Ruth,  
you desire that ev'ry people worship you in spirit, truth.  
Meet us in our sacred places, mosque and synagogue and church.  
Show us paths of understanding; bless us in our common search.

Verse 2:

Root us in our own traditions, faith our forebears handed down.  
Grow us in your grace and knowledge; plant our feet on solid ground.  
Cultivate the seeds of sharing in this world of many creeds.  
Keep us open, wise in learning, bearing fruit in loving deeds.

Verse 3:

Hope of those who came before us, sov'reign God whom we adore,  
form in us your new creation free of violence, hate, and war.  
So may star and cross and crescent, each a sign of life made new,  
point us toward your love and justice, earth at peace and one in you.

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**Sending Song: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (VT 812)**

Verse 1:

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace did invite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your reign and to answer your call.

Verse 2:

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing the children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

*Text: Omer Westendorf (USA), People's Mass Book, 1964, alt., © 1964 World Library Publications, Inc.*