

## Congregational songs, Jan. 31/21

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### Here in This Place (VT 10 / HWB 6)

#### Verse 1

Here in this place, the new light is streaming;  
now are the shadows 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, our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

#### Verse 2

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
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.

#### Verse 3

Here we will take the wine of compassion;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here we become the people you fashion:  
children of God, to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine ever flowing, give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well, and guide us in growing  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

#### Verse 4

Not just in buildings, dim and confining;  
not in some heaven, light-years away:  
here in this place, the new light is shining;  
now is the dawning 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.

## **As the Wind Song through the Trees (VT 373)**

### Verse 1

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God; as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown,  
bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

### Verse 2

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God; as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world; as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

## **Silence my soul (SS 97)**

### Verse 1

Silence my soul these trees are  
prayers  
Silence my soul these trees are  
prayers  
I asked the tree  
I asked the tree  
Tell me about God  
Tell me about God  
Then it blossomed

### Verse 2

Silence my soul the sun is prayer  
Silence my soul the sun is prayer  
I asked the sun  
I asked the sun  
Tell me about God  
Tell me about God  
Then it shined

### Verse 3

Silence my soul the moon is prayer  
Silence my soul the moon is prayer  
I asked the moon  
I asked the moon  
Tell me about God  
Tell me about God  
Then it glowed

### Verse 4

Silence my soul the earth is prayer  
Silence my soul the earth is prayer  
I asked the earth  
I asked the earth  
Tell me about God  
Tell me about God  
Then it gave life