

GOD IN CREATION

# 376 We Gather Together

If God is for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing.  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be;

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name: he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Oudenclanck*, 1626; arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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Nun danket alle Gott  
(Now Thank We All Our God)

*Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67*

*Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.*

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.  
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.*

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.  
Johann Crüger, 1647  
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your  
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's  
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the  
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the  
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you  
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,  
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing  
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall  
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,  
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,  
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.