

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

1. O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To these, Your children gathered here;
The Spirit's gift in them renew;
The gift of faith that clings to You.
2. Sustain the work You have begun
In these united to your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.
3. Deliver them from ev'ry wile,
From all that would their hearts beguile,
From worldly ways and Satan's lies,
That they may not Your Word despise.
4. Lord, keep them firm in their intent
To You, Your Word and Sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share
And make them strong, each cross to bear.
5. O Father, grant that by Your grace
They may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death Your name confess.
6. Then robed in white before Your throne,
Your holy saints, by You foreknown---
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.