

HERE IN CHRIST WE GATHER

for the schola at St Joseph's Secondary School, Navan

Words: James Quinn SJ

Music: Ephrem Feeley

Assuredly (♩=70)

Flute

Assembly:

1. Here in Christ we ga - ther, love of Christ our cal - ling. Christ, our love, is with us,
2. When we Christ - ians ga - ther, mem - bers of one Bo - dy, Christ, our head, is with us,
3. Grant us love's ful - fil - ment, joy with all the bles - sed, when we see your glo - ry,

Organ

mp

Fl.

4

4

4

gla - ness be his gree - ting. Let us love and serve him, God of all the a - ges.
lo - ving and be - lo - ved. Here is sent the Spi - rit, one with Son and Fa - ther,
ri - sen Lord and Sa - viour. Bathe us in your splen - dour, Light of all cre - a - tion,

Org.

7

Fl.

7 **Descant: (final verse)**

be our bliss for - e - ver as we sing your prai - ses.

Let us love sin - cere - ly, see - ing Christ in o - thers.
 fire of love's in - dwel - ling, bond of peace a - mong us.
 be our bliss for - e - ver as we sing your prai - ses.

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Org.

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Composer's Note:

This gentle hymn, with text by Fr James Quinn, is most suitable as a gathering song, but there may be other uses: at the offertory or communion time, weddings or other services where the theme is Christian love and charity. Although the dynamic marking is *mp*, the dynamics could be built up throughout, even to a full organ in the last verse. A sense of rubato, especially at cadence points, will allow the assembly to breathe easily between phrases. The flute part may be played by any C instrument, and the entire piece can be played through as an introduction.