

WORKSHOP 402

THE RE-ENERGIZING  
OF CHILDREN'S  
CATECHESIS  
THROUGH SONG

*John Bursland*



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Friends and I am here to pray.

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## COME GATHER

### Chorus

**Gather, come gather**  
**Gather in Jesus' name** (We come to...)  
**Gather, come gather**  
**Gather in Jesus' name**

### Verse 1

We welcome everyone today  
Gather in Jesus' name \*\*\*  
Friends and family here to pray  
Gather in Jesus' name\*\*\*

### Verse 2

We come and listen to God's Word  
Gather in Jesus' name \*\*\*  
To praise our God and to give thanks  
Gather in Jesus' name\*\*\*

### Verse 3

We raise our voice and praise his name  
Gather in Jesus' name \*\*\*  
To tell all people why he came  
Gather in Jesus' name \*\*\*

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## YES LORD I BELIEVE

### Verse 1

Do you believe in God the Father  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
Who made the earth and all we see  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
Do You believe in Jesus Christ  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
Conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
**Yes Lord I believe**

### Chorus

**I believe in God the Father**  
**I believe in God the Son**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit**  
**And the strength that makes us one**  
**I believe that Mother Mary**  
**Is the Mother of God's Son**  
**I believe I do believe**

### Verse 2

Do you believe that Jesus died  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
He died for us so we could live  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
Do you believe He rose again  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
He's seated now at God's right hand  
**Yes Lord I believe**

### Verse 3

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
The Catholic Church and communion of saints  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
Do you believe in God's forgiveness  
**Yes Lord I believe**  
That we will rise to life again  
**Yes Lord I believe**

### This is our Faith

**Which we profess Yes Lord I Believe**

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## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Adapted from Matthew 22:37-39

**You shall love the Lord with all your heart, With all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment, To love your God with all your heart.**

### The second is like it, so listen well:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**  
**These two commandments are the greatest of all.**  
**They are the heart of God's Law.**

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## THE TRINITY

### Chorus

**The Trinity**  
**Three in one**  
**Father Son and Holy Spirit**  
**The Trinity**  
**Joined in love**  
**A mystery of our faith**

### Verse 1

**God the Father loves us so**  
**And made us just like Him**  
**From high above God watches us**  
**And cares for us each day**

### Verse 2

**Jesus Christ God's only Son**  
**Our brother and our friend**  
**He came to us and saved our world**  
**To show us how to live**

### Verse 3

**The Holy Spirit is here with us**  
**And brings us love and peace**  
**The strength for us as we walk on**  
**To share God's love each day**

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## GOD'S LOVE IS

### God's love is

**Bigger than the biggest mountain**  
**Deeper than the deepest sea**  
**Taller than the tallest tree**  
**It's there for you and me**  
**God's love is**  
**Stronger than the strongest person**  
**Brighter than the brightest star**  
**Warmer than the warmest day**  
**God's love is in my heart**  
**Because God loves me**  
**God loves me**

### Clap your hands in the air

**Reach up and touch the sky**  
**Put your hands on your heart**  
**Love is all around**

### Wave your arms in the air

**Now put your hands on your head**  
**Give yourself a big hug**  
**Love is all around**

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## SAINTS

### Chorus

**SAINTS**  
**Saints are people who were called by God**  
**SAINTS**  
**Saints are Holy and love our God**

### Verse 1

We follow how they lived  
Saints teach us though their lives  
We pray through them\*\*  
They talk to God\*\*  
**They speak to God for us**

### Verse 2

They're generous and kind  
Saints served God in their lives  
Holy people\*\*  
Loved by God\*\*  
**Who show the way to God**

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## HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A MUSTARD SEED?

Based on: Matthew: 13:31-32

### Verse 1

Have you ever seen a mustard seed,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong?**  
Jesus told the story of the mustard seed,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.**

### Chorus

**From very small seed**  
**Grows a very big tree.**  
**God's Kingdom grows through you and me**  
**With our hearts,**  
**With our hands,**  
**From a mustard seed into a tree,**  
**From a mustard seed into a tree.**

### Verse 2

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.**  
God puts it in ground and we help it grow,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong**

### Verse 3

Our love for God is like a mustard seed,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.**  
Our love must grow just like the mustard seed,  
**A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.**

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## MARY OUR MOTHER

### Verse 1

Mary our Mother you answered God's call  
We come to praise you today  
Mother of Jesus with Joseph you cared for Him  
We come to praise you today

### Chorus

**Mother of Jesus be with us everyday**  
**We want to stay close to you always**  
**You are our Mother**  
**We are your children**  
**Guide us in every way each day**  
**Guide us in every way**

### Verse 2

Mary our Mother you live in Heaven  
We come to praise you today

Mother of Jesus a hope for all people  
We come to praise you today

**Verse 3**

Mary our Mother you lead us to Jesus  
We come to praise you today  
Mother of Jesus Mother to everyone  
We come to praise you today

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## COME TO THE TABLE

Luke 22:14-20

**Refrain**

**We come to the table of the Lord  
As one body formed in your love  
We come to the table of the Lord  
As one body formed in your love**

**Verse 1**

Bread broken and shared to nourish us  
**Bread broken and shared to nourish us**  
At the table of the Lord  
**At the table of the Lord**

Verse 2

Cup poured out so we will never thirst  
**Cup poured out so we will never thirst**  
At the table of the Lord  
**At the table of the Lord**

**Bridge**

**Come, come share with me  
Come, come to my feast**

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## YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE THEM

Based on: Matthew 5:44-45

**Verses 1**

When friends are mean and I feel sad,  
When some people act really bad,  
Jesus tells me what to do and what to say.  
I listen to his words and in my heart I pray.

**Chorus**

**You've got to love them, love them.  
Even your enemies, love them.  
You've got to love them, love them.  
Even your enemies, love them.**

**Verse 2**

When friends are kind and good to us,  
It's easy to be generous.  
But I need the Holy Spirit to be  
Like Jesus, and love all those who are mean.

**Verse 3**

Forgiveness is a gift that you offer someone.  
It's a choice you make to let love overcome  
All your hurt and all your pride.  
It helps you let go of bitterness inside.

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## HE LIVES!

Based on: Mark 16:1-10, Matthew 28:1-20, Luke 24: 1-12

**Chorus**

**"He is not here," the angel said.  
"He has risen from the dead.  
You must go to Galilee instead,  
And tell the disciples, 'He lives!'"**

**Verse 1**

The women took spices to the tomb  
And found the stone rolled away.  
The body of their Lord, it was not there.  
Two men in white appeared to them.

**Verse 2**

Joanna, Magdalene, and Mary, too,  
Ran to tell the disciples the good news.  
It was so difficult to believe,  
Jesus who was dead now lives and breathes.

**Verse 3**

They had gathered in the upper room.  
In their sadness and fear, Jesus did appear.  
"Peace to you," he said with love and care.  
"Now, I will be with you everywhere."

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## CHRISTMAS STAR

Matthew 2:7-11

**Chorus**

**Christmas Star shining bright  
Lead us to this child tonight  
Up in the sky a guiding light  
A king is born for us this night  
We're following the Christmas Star so bright  
We're following the Christmas Star  
We're following the Christmas Star so bright  
We're following the Christmas Star**

**Verse 1**

**Three Wise men came from afar  
Bringing gifts for the new born child  
To worship him and give God thanks  
To find the Promised One**

**Verse 2**

**Shining bright up in the sky  
Leading them to Bethlehem  
A star they'd followed from the East  
Will guide them on this night**

**Verse 3**

**In a stable Christ was born  
They knelt before him joyously  
Gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense  
Were brought before our King**

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## UPON THIS ROCK

Based on: Matthew 16:15-19

**Chorus**

**Upon this Rock I will build my Church.  
Peter my Blessed one,  
You will lead my people here on earth.  
For Peter you are my rock,  
Upon you I build my Church.**

**Verse 1**

Oh Peter how much you loved me, Even though you often failed.  
I chose you to be the head of my Church, To take the Good News everywhere.

**Verse 2**

I called you at the edge of the sea,  
"Peter come and follow me."  
You dropped your nets and came with joy to me,  
My first Apostle you came to be.

**Verse 3**

There were many times you doubted,  
Times when you were afraid.  
But your faith in me made you walk on the sea,  
You were willing to die for me.

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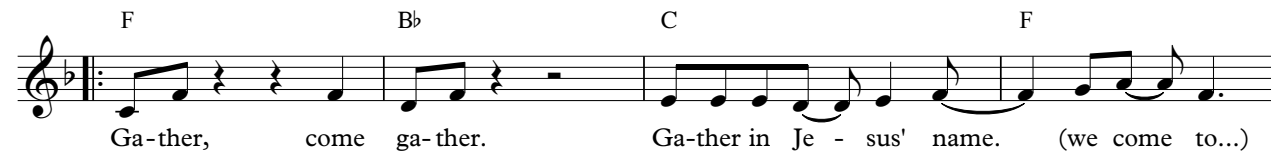
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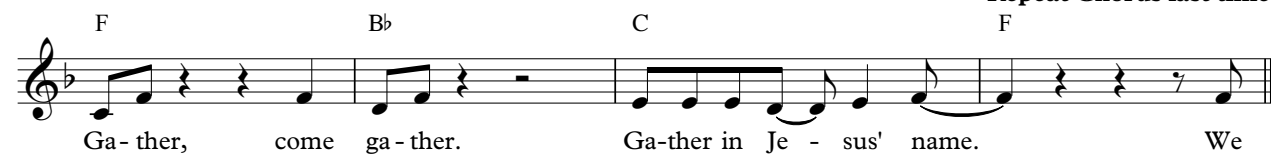
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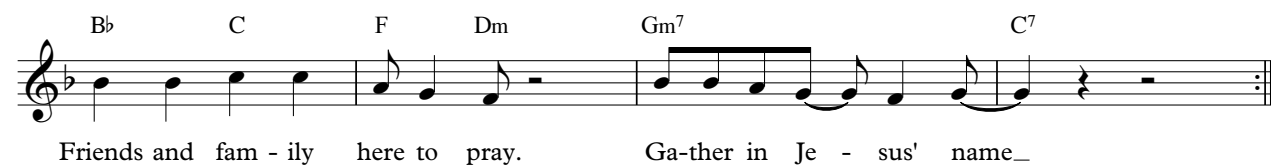
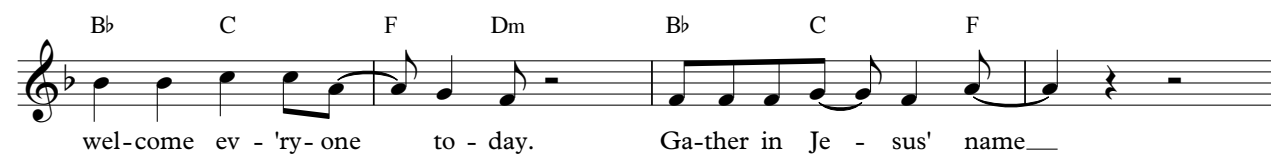
## Chorus



Repeat Chorus last time.



## Verse 1



## Verse 2

We come and listen to God's Word  
Gather in Jesus' name  
To praise our God and to give thanks  
Gather in Jesus's name.

## Verse 3

We raise our voice and praise his name  
Gather in Jesus' name.  
To tell all people why he came  
Gather in Jesus' name.

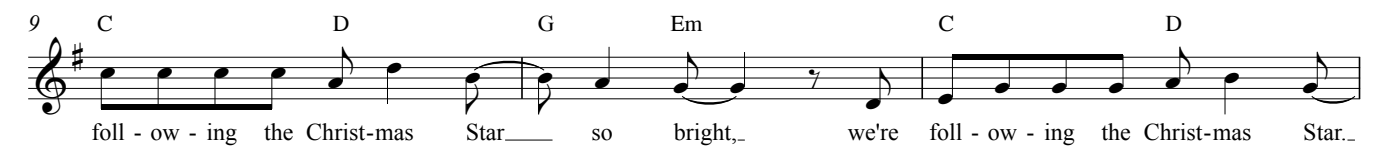
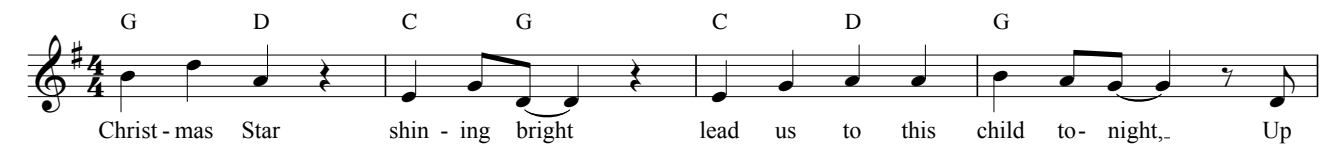
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# Christmas Star

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## Chorus

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# JOHN BURLAND

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**John Burland** is a teacher and composer who has been writing and recording religious music for children and adults for over twenty years. During this time he has written and recorded over 200 songs and published fifteen music collections which are used extensively in school/parish communities across Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada.

In 2008, two of John's liturgical compositions, **Come O Holy Spirit** and **Lord By Your Cross** were included in the official **World Youth Day** liturgies in Sydney, Australia.

John regularly works with children, parents and educators in school/ parish communities and educational institutions promoting catechesis and celebration through song, movement, meditative prayer and story. He is a sought after speaker, workshop leader and internationally published author in the area of music and catechesis.

Over the last fifteen years John has been a regular presenter at the **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress** and the **National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Convention** in the United States. Each year John visits more than one hundred Catholic communities in North America, England and Australia celebrating our Catholic Faith through the gift of song.

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