

# God Creates a Blessed Newness

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God creates a blessed newness; now it springs forth, don't you see?  
Come, you people of creation, gather now at God's decree.  
Do not fear for God is with us, pay no heed to things of old.  
We are servants of the Sacred, wondrous works will we behold!

See who gathers at the table, all invited by our Lord;  
Varied people, many colors, all commissioned by the Word.  
Many ways are gospel stories shared among God's people dear.  
Let us gather round the table all with eager ears to hear.

Newness comes and, with it, struggle, but our tests cause us to grow.  
Things will change but God is present more than we could ever know.  
Give us courage, Lord, and wisdom for the days which lie ahead.  
May we live as your disciples, nurtured by your daily bread.

We are witnesses of mercy, we are called to testify,  
Gifts of grace in all abundance, steadfast love in strong supply.  
God will guide and we will gather, leaning forward, called by name.  
What great blessings lie before us, God's to give and ours to claim.