

ELW 488: Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1. Soul adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ though heav'nly, high and holy, designs to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever".
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Esus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.