## Micah 4: 6-7

Then the Lord said,
on that day I will gather the lame and the exiled,
and those whom I have afflicted.
The lame I will make whole,
and those whom I cast off, a strong nation,
and I will reign over them in Mount Zion now and forevermore.

Gather Us in is a general anthem that may be especially appropriate for Lent, stewardship or dedication services. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Deuteronomy 30: 1-6, Micah 4: 5-8, Zephaniah 3: 17-20 and John 4: 35-36. One basic homiletical theme is preparing to receive the grace of God, who gathers us all in the healing power of His embrace and makes us one body in Christ.

In rehearsal, strive for a flowing legato with expressive text inflection. A general feeling of two large pulses per measure will facilitate the articulation of the triplet figures. Highlight dynamically the choral call-and-response in mm. 33-36 and 39-40 and carefully balance the singers.

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