Today Is a Rehearsal

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Father, today
      as we gather,
      as we worship,
      as we feast at Your table,
we are preparing for another day.
Today only a few of us will come together.
Soon we will gather as
       "a great multitude which no one could count,
      from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues."
      (Revelation 7:9, NASB*)
Today we gather in a small, local building.
Soon we will gather
       "before the throne and before the Lamb."*
Even a vast, magnificent temple would be useless there, for
       "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."
      (Revelation 21:22, NASB)
Today we few lift our
      humble songs and
      stumbling words of praise.
Soon heaven and earth and all creation will
      reverberate with worship that
      transcends all words, and
we will add our hearts and voices to theirs.
Today our sacred meal appears
      small and
      symbolic.
Soon we will feast
      our body, soul, mind, and spirit,
      forever,
      together,
      each of us and
      all of us.
We will drink deeply of the wine of life.
We will feast on the True Manna from heaven,
      on our Creator's complete provision for our entire being.
We will feast on
      all Christ is and
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all He has done for us.
We will celebrate
our eternal, perfect union
with You, Father,
in Christ, Your Holy Son.

Father, as we gather now in our little time and place, feed our hearts and nourish our souls with an undying hunger for that day.

Hymn: Come, Our Lord!

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