

Gathering excerpt

## Introduction

I wrote this book on Good Friday and Holy Saturday April 18 -19, 2025.

“Kids! Time to come inside! Playtime is over!” Did you ever hear that familiar shout as a child? Mom was calling you home. Did you come as soon as you heard her call? Were you expecting it? Did you come immediately? Were you tardy, late, defiant?

Our mother is calling us once again only this time it is more serious. Playtime is over. Time to come together as a family and share the meal which defines us as members of God’s family. That meal is the body and blood of Jesus. Communion, for some, the eucharist for others but regardless of that, it is food essential for the whole family of God.

Mary carries the anointing for gathering. Like a mother hen gathers her chicks to shelter under her wings when danger arises, so Mary calls the Church to gather into one and shelter in under her mantle.