

*Unison*

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Crown'd with triumph from the fray,  
Him the peaceful king of Salem  
Came to meet upon his way;  
Meekly bearing bread and wine,  
Holy priesthood's awful sign.

On the truth thus dimly shadow'd,  
Later days a lustre shed;  
When the great High-Priest eternal,  
Under forms of wine and bread,  
For the world's immortal food,  
Gave his flesh and gave his blood.

Wondrous gift! - The word who fashion'd  
All things by his might divine,  
Bread into his body changes,  
Into his own blood the wine -  
What though sense no change perceives?  
Faith admires, adores, believes.

He who once to die a victim,  
On the Cross, did not refuse,  
Day by day, upon our altars,  
That same sacrifice renews;  
Through his holy priesthood's hands,  
Faithful to his last commands.

While the people all uniting  
In the sacrifice sublime,  
Offer Christ to his high Father,  
Offer up themselves with Him;  
Then together with the priest  
On the living Victim feast.

Praise the Universal Maker,  
Father of the world of men;  
Praise the Son, whose life-blood flowing  
Bought our captive souls again;  
Gracious Breath of Life Divine -  
Praise, O Triune God, be Thine! Amen.

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