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Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal*)

THE Prince of ages and of man,
O Christ, we own that Thou art He:
Our minds, our hearts, nor will nor can
Acknowledge any Lord but Thee.

2. The outcry of the rabble rings:
“We will not suffer Christ to reign”;
But our voice, which triumphant sings,
Hails Thee as King Supreme again.

3. O Christ, who art the Prince of Peace,
Rebellious minds to Thee subject,
And, in Thy love that doth not cease,
Stray sheep in Thy one fold collect.

4. For this, upon the grisly Tree
Thou hangest, with Thine arms outspread,
The spear-thrust showing cruelly
Thy Heart wherein love’s fires are red.

5. For this, like bread and wine indeed,
Upon our altars Thou dost hide,
Outpouring, for Thy children’s need,
Salvation from Thy wounded side.

6. With honors, public as the skies,
Let heads of nations Thee confess,
Let judge and statesman learn to prize,
And laws and all the arts express.

7. Let their insignia anew
Shine forth when kings to Thee submit,
And may Thy scepter meek subdue
Our country, and our homes, to it.

8. O’er every earthly mastery
’Tis Thine, O Jesus, to preside:
With Father and with Spirit be
For endless ages glorified.

TE saeculorum Principem,
Te, Christe, Regem géntium,
Te méntium, Te córdium
Unum fatémur árbitrum.

Scelésta turba clámitat:
Regnáre Christum nólumus:
Te nos ovántes ómnium
Regem suprémum dícimur.

O Christe, Princeps Pácifer,
Mentes rebélles súbjice:
Tuóque amóre dévios,
Ovíle in unum cóngrega.

Ad hoc cruénta ab árbore
Pendes apértis bráchiis:
Diráque fossum cúspide
Cor igne flagrans éxhibes.

Ad hoc in aris ábderis
Vini dapísque imáGINE,
Fundens salútem fíliis
Transverberáto péctore.

Te natiónum Praésides
Honóre tollant público,
Colant magístri, júdices,
Leges et artes éxprimant.

Submíssa regum fúlgeant
Tibi dicáta insígnia:
Mitíque sceptro pátriam
Domósque subde cívium.

Jesu tibi sit glória,
Qui scepra mundi témperas,
Cum Patre et almo Spírítu,
In sempitérna saécula.