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1. Thee, Prince of all the centuries,  
Thee, Christ, the King of all mankind,  
Sole Ruler of the heart and mind,  
Thee we confess on bended knees.
2. But wicked clamors we recall:  
“The Christ shall never o’er us reign!”  
Therefore again and yet again  
We hail Thee: “King Supreme o’er all!”
3. O Christ, the Prince who bringest peace,  
Make all rebellious wills obey:  
By love compel the sheep that stray  
Thy one true sheep-fold to increase.
4. For this, upon Thy Cross of shame  
Embracing arms Thou stretchest wide:  
For this, the spear-head found Thy side  
To show Thy Heart with love aflame.
5. For this, upon the altar-stone  
Hiding ’neath imaged Bread and Wine,  
From out that piercèd Breast of Thine  
Thou pourest grace upon Thine own.
6. Thee let the nations’ rulers bless  
And public honorings decree;  
Let teachers, judges, worship Thee;  
Let laws and arts Thy reign express.
7. Before Thee let all standards fall  
To rise with prouder glorying:  
Beneath Thy gentle sceptre bring  
The homes and fatherlands of all!