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‘Thou art the Christ, O Lord,

the Son of God most high:’

for ever be adored

that name in earth and sky,

in which, though mortal strength may fail,

the saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest

with blessedness unpriced,

who, taught of God, confessed

the Godhead in the Christ;

for of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own

thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,

the bitter lesson learnt,

that heart for thee, O Lord,

with triple ardour burnt.

The cross he took he laid not down

until he grasped the martyr’s crown.

O bright triumphant faith,

O courage void of fears,

O love most strong in death,

O penitential tears!

By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,

and make us go where thou shalt call.

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