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Father, we thank Thee Who has planned Thy holy name within our hearts. Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus Thy Son to us imparts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, Didst give man food for all his days, Giving in Christ the bread eternal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise. Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, Save it from evil, guard it still, Perfect it in love, unite it, Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one, So from all lands Thy church be gathered Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

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