#### Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

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## 1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:

#### "Use your power," the tempter tells him; "Turn these barren rocks to bread!"

#### "Not alone by bread," he answers, "Can the human heart be filled.

# Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"

## 2. Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:

"Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!"

Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:

## "God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."

## 3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:

"Fall before me!
Be my servant!
Glory, fame,
you're sure to gain!"

# Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:

# "God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"

# 4. When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,

Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.

# By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.