

Prayers of the People

Christ was baptized as one of us, but he destroyed sins as God. ***He was tempted as a human, but he conquered as God. He wants us to rejoice, for he has overcome the world.***

He hungered, but he fed thousands. He is the living bread that comes down from heaven. ***He thirsted, but he cried, "If anyone thirsts, let them come to me and drink." He promised that fountains would flow from those who believe.***

He was wearied, but he is the rest of those who are weary and heavy-laden. ***The demons acknowledge him, but he drives them out. He plunges into the sea the legions of foul spirits and sees the prince of demons falling like lightning.***

He prays, but he hears prayer. ***He weeps, but he makes tears to cease.***

He asks where Lazarus was laid because he was a human; but he raises Lazarus because he was God. ***He is sold, and very cheap - for only thirty pieces of silver; but he redeems the world at a great price - the cost of his own blood.***

As sheep he is led to the slaughter, but he is the Shepherd of Israel – and now of the whole world. ***He is bruised and wounded, but he heals every disease and infirmity.***

He is lifted up and nailed to the tree, but he restores us by the tree of life. ***He lays down his life, but he has the power to take it up again.***

He dies, but he gives life; and by his death he destroys death. ***He is buried, but he rises again.***

He descends into hell, but he raises souls from death. ***He ascends to heaven, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.***

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