

Aeterna Christi munera

The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King

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1. Th'eternal gifts of Christ the King,
th'apostles' glory, let us sing;
and now with hearts of gladness raise
our hymns of thankful love and praise.
2. Their faith in Christ, the Lord, prevailed;
their hope a light that never failed;
their love ablaze o'er pathways trod
to lead them to th'eternal God.
3. In them the Father's glory shone;
in them rejoices God the Son;
in them exults the Holy Ghost;
in them delight the heav'nly host.
4. To you, Redeemer, now we cry,
that you would join to them on high
your servants, who this grace implore,
for ever and for evermore.

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