**Sacramental Pleadings**

I come before the altar and with broken heart I plead

I feel so lost and empty; please fill my hungering need.

Please tear from me this stony heart and turn it into flesh,

That I may know thy healing power and feel my soul refresh.

I sing the song of redeeming love that strikes a chord within,

I seek to know thy sweet embrace and lose desire for sin.

Then comes thy flesh in form of bread now blessed by God above,

And as I eat and think of Thee, I’m filled with thy sweet love.

I take the water as thy blood which thou didst shed for me

And quench my thirst which thou didst feel when they hung Thee on the tree.

And as I ponder on the price, thou paid to make me whole,

I weep inside with gratitude and rejoicing fills my soul.

For joy that was set before Thee, this offering didst Thou make,

So, I must seek to feel that joy as I come to partake.

And so instead of suffering, I think of Thy great love,

And pledge my heart to live like Thee and become like God above.