

## **THE IMAGE OF HER FATHER**

For many years in Israel's womb  
The embryo grows, the Church of Christ:  
First the Head, then the Body,  
The Son of Man includes the many.  
For hours upon a Roman cross  
The Church's birth begins in blood:  
Crucified with Christ her Head,  
Constricted by the love of God.  
The third day, from a gaping tomb,  
The Church emerges urgently:  
Risen again with Christ her life,  
Released, relieved, the joy of God.  
The fiftieth day, with tongues of flame,  
She breathes the Spirit, cries the word:  
Conceived, inspired with Christ, she grows,  
The heir of all, the child of God.

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