

1 Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; ☩

you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

2 Often you weep over our sins and our pride, ☩

tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

3 You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, ☩

in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

4 Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; ☩

by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

5 Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; ☩

through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

6 Your warmth gives life to the dead, ☩

your touch makes sinners righteous.

7 Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; ☩

in your love and tenderness remake us.

8 In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, ☩

for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

from Anselm of Canterbury

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