

32. Christ, our Only Way (Part II)

Verses: *Acathist Hymn to the Holy Name of Jesus*

Anon. 9th century Byzantine

English trans.: *Emeritus* Greek Melkite Archbishop Joseph-Marie Raya (1916-2005),

Eparch of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and All Galilee

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1 Burn in our hearts with Your Flame;
Now shine in darkness within us.
Heal us, so worn down by sin:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Refrain: Christ, our only Way
through this earthly night!
Christ, our only Truth,
Christ our only Life.

2 Jesus, our powerful King;
O You, our mighty God.
Jesus, O Fire in our hearts:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R

3 Jesus, O gentle Heart;
O Jesus, Home of the just;
Jesus, O Comforting Arms:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R

4 Food for the strong and the weak;
O Drink Who quenches thirst:
Fill us who hunger and thirst.
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R

5 You, Shelter of the poor,
Protector of the lonely;
Defender of the helpless:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R

6 Jesus, our Guide most gentle;
O You, our Pastor most caring;
Jesus, Whose Touch is our health:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R

7 Sure Hope when we are dying;
O Light of Rising Dawn;
Life after this weary life:
O Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. R