



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



## ***THE HANDS OF CHRIST***

God gives a priest  
the hands of Christ  
to hold the staff  
that leads and guides  
his people

God gives a priest  
the hands of Christ  
to break the bread  
of Life to  
His body for His people

God gives a priest  
the hands of Christ  
to know the nails of agony  
fastened in loneliness to wood  
by and for His people

God gives a priest  
the hands of Christ  
raised within the shuttered room  
to calm to strengthen and to bless  
giving what they do not possess  
God's peace for all His people.

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