



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 be
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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