

As Julian Prayed

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1. As Julian prayed, so we pray O God
Your Son is with us in Sacrament and Word
We are his Body, our mission, His conferred
Form us all into Christ, his word in us be heard.

*O Eucharist, word made flesh, become our bread;
Sacred Bible, God's holy Word, clothed in human speech,
written word of the Eternal Word, may you share our hearts,
and possess an equal place in our affections.*

(Woods, *Chaplet and Southern Cross*, May 1872: 413.)

2. As Julian prayed so we pray O God
your Holy Spirit pours forth on us your grace
Let us be open, Your will for life embrace
Form us all into Christ that all may see your face.

*We are but instruments in the hands of God
Never acting as if we were more.
O God, breathe into this flute so that the sounds which issue
are animated by Your Holy Spirit.*

(Woods, *Book of Instructions*, Sisters of St Joseph.)

3. As Julian prayed so we pray O God
You are creator; in you all has its birth
Your love connects us; each creature has its worth.
Form us all into Christ, as now we care for earth.

*The rock on which we stand has lived and died,
has been a thing of life and is now stone.
Whether we search in earth or sea or sky
we are ever lured by God, eternal mystery.*

(Woods, *Geological Observations*, 1862.)

4. As Julian prayed so we pray O God
In life's true living, our cross reveals your son.
Our paschal hoping gives courage when there's none
Form us all into Christ till victory is won.

*Whatever happens, God is with you in it all.
If you leave it in God's hands, God will bring it right.
All God wants is our affection and our love.
In such great mystery we can entirely trust.*

(Woods, *Sisters of Perpetual Adoration*, 1881)