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# As Christ and Church and Congregation

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As Christ and Church and congregation,  
Jesus, God the Son, walks free.  
His footprints' fresh and firm impressions  
map the worlds we would not see.

The Church sprouts green in ev'ry culture,  
pushing up through dust and clay;  
the gospel then takes root, transforming  
life and death and work and play.

In clear embrace and separation  
Church and culture dodge and dance.  
In each new language, song, and symbol,  
see the gospel's sure advance.

Then let the Church be ever Christ-like:  
live his teachings, live his grace,  
like Christ arise, each day, extending  
unconditional embrace.

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