

Christ, You Did Not Sit with God

Philippians 2:5-11

Poetic Meter: 7.7.7.7.

Christ, you did not sit with God,
grabbing all the power you could,
but instead gave all you had
for our glory and our good.

Taking off your shining robe,
leaving everything but love,
taking "Jesus" as your name,
born as one of us you came.

Strong in love, you chose to live
like a servant or a slave,
teaching, showing God to us,
tortured, dying on a cross.

Jesus Christ, your praise we sing;
Help us give you everything.
On your way we'll follow you;
Guide and govern all we do.

Tune: CANTERBURY [e.g. United Methodist Hymnal, 550]
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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For Galen, Lena and the congregation of Chilmark United Methodist Church, Massachusetts.