

Akathist to Jesus

O JESUS, only true Love, Who didst vouchsafe to live in the world, through love, Thou didst exhaust all the riches of Thy mercy, when Thou offeredst Thine own Body to Thy Disciples at the Last Supper; going to Thy sufferings with a firm will, though free, Thou didst keep the good wine till the end, Thy life-giving Blood; and before Thy death, Thou wast buried under the form of the Holy Sacrament in the hearts of Thy friends bury, O LORD, my passions, that I may glorify the love with which Thou didst sacrifice Thy soul for sin. (Twice.)

Innocent, Archbishop of Odessa, Opening Ode

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