

St. Felix Faith Formation

Answer both of the reflection questions from the "For Everyone" section. Then, answer the questions for your specific assigned verse. (Aim for 2-3 sentences for each answer.)

For Everyone:

- Which phrase or line in the entire hymn resonates most with you? Why?
- What questions does this hymn raise for you about your faith or the Eucharist?

Verse 1: God, Hidden and Wonderful

- **Hidden Presence:** The hymn says that Jesus is "hidden" in the Eucharist. What does that mean? How can something be present but hidden at the same time?
- **Bare Shadows:** What is something in your life that seems ordinary on the outside but has a deeper meaning to you?
- **Lost in Wonder:** When have you felt a sense of awe or wonder? How does that feeling compare to thinking about Jesus being truly present in the Eucharist?

Verse 2: Listening with Faith

- **Tricky Senses:** Think of a time when your senses tricked you. How is the Eucharist similar to that?
- **Hearing the Truth:** Why is it important to listen to what Jesus says, even if it seems hard to believe at first?
- **Truth Teller:** Who are some people you trust to tell you the truth? Why is Jesus the most trustworthy person of all?

Verse 3: Hidden God, Hidden Man

- **Godhead on the Cross:** "Godhead" means Jesus' divine nature, His being God. Why do you think Jesus didn't show His full power as God when He was crucified?
- **Manhood Hidden:** This verse says that Jesus' humanity is "stolen" from our understanding ("human ken"). It's like saying it's hidden in plain sight. We see the bread and wine, but we can't fully grasp the mystery of Jesus' humanity being present there. What's something you find hard to understand, even though you see it all the time? How is that similar to the mystery of the Eucharist?
- **Confession and Belief:** What does it mean to say that you believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- **The Dying Thief:** The "dying thief" refers to the criminal crucified next to Jesus who asked Jesus to remember him. His prayer was, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* Why do you think St. Thomas prays the same prayer?

Verse 4: Growing in Faith

- **Seeing Isn't Believing:** Do you think it's always necessary to *see* something to believe it? What are some things you believe in even though you can't see them?
- **Lord and God:** What does it mean to call Jesus "Lord and God"?
- **Deeper Faith:** What does it mean to have "deeper faith"? How can you grow in your faith every day?
- **Hope and Love:** How can believing in Jesus help you have more hope and love in your life?

Verse 5: Living Bread, Living Life

- **Reminder of Sacrifice:** What are some things that help you remember important events or people? How is the Eucharist like that?
- **Living Bread:** If Jesus is the "Living Bread," what does that make the Eucharist?
- **Satisfy My Mind:** What do you think St. Thomas means when he says he wants his mind to be satisfied?

Verse 6: The Pelican's Sacrifice

- **Pelican Legend:** There's an old legend that pelicans would peck their own chests to feed their chicks when food was scarce. Why do you think St. Thomas compares Jesus to a pelican?
- **Precious Blood:** Why is Jesus' blood so important to us?
- **Forgiveness:** What does it mean that Jesus' blood brings forgiveness? How does that make you feel?
- **Symbol Search:** The pelican is a symbol of Jesus. What other symbols could we use to represent Jesus?

Verse 7: Thirsting for God

- **Deep Down Longing:** Remember the Samaritan woman at the well? What do you think St. Thomas means when he says he "thirsts" for God?
- **More Than Meets the Eye:** What are some things people "thirst" for in life?
- **True Satisfaction:** How is our thirst for God different from other kinds of thirst? How does the Eucharist help to satisfy that thirst?
- **Heaven's Glory:** What does it mean to see God "face to face" in heaven? How does the Eucharist give us a little "taste" of heaven?