

## “I Leave You Not as Orphans Here”

This hymn is based on the tender promise of Jesus spoken in John 14:18. He first spoke these words at the Last Supper. For that reason, the hymn applies them to Communion and His promise always to be with us (Matt. 28:20). In stanzas 1 and 2 Christ is the speaker. In stanza 3, written by Bonnie Rex, the church replies. The references in stanza 3 to the Dismissal and the Nunc Dimittis, together with the Gloria Patri of stanza 4, make this an especially suitable post-Communion hymn.