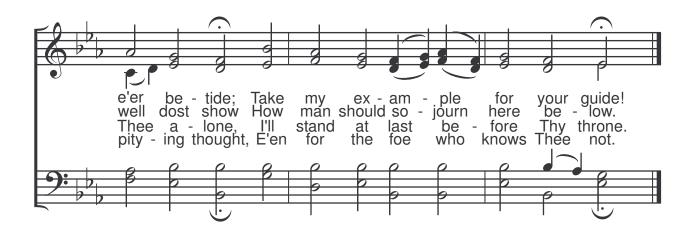
57. CHRIST, OUR PREDECESSOR

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- Thou teachest us to shun and flee What harms our soul's salvation, Our heart to purify and free From sin's abomination.
 Our Shepherd true Thou art always, Who seeks what in the desert strays.
- And if too hot we find the fray,
 Thou at our side art ready,
 Defending us, to lead the way
 At all times firm and steady.
 A coward he, who then can pause,
 When our brave captain leads the cause.
- 7. Who loves his life here more than Thee, Without Thee he shall lose it; Who consecrates it all to Thee, In God will introduce it. Who bears no cross, nor follows hard, Deserves not Thee nor Thy reward.
- 8. Then let us follow our dear Lord,
 Bearing the cross appointed,
 And bravely clinging to His Word,
 In suff'ring be undaunted.
 He who shall bear the battle's strain,
 The crown of life shall there obtain.