

# ACCEPT, ALMIGHTY FATHER

## HYMN 2 - OFFERTORY / SACRIFICE / EUCHARISTIC PREPARATION

### WHY THIS HYMN ENDURES

- Explicit Offertory theology (offering of gifts and self)
- Clear connection between sacrifice and Eucharist
- Strongly Catholic doctrinal language
- Fits the ritual action

### WHERE THIS HYMN LIVES IN THE HYMNAL

“Accept, Almighty Father” appears as Hymn 2 in *A Catholic Book of Hymns*, where it serves as an Offertory hymn closely aligned with the Church’s theology of sacrifice and offering.

### Supporting the Hymn Musically

- Moderate, deliberate tempo
- Clear articulation to support text intelligibility
- Works best with restrained, supportive organ accompaniment
- Avoid overly festive registrations

A chorale prelude on this hymn tune is available in the *Organ Chorale Preludes* companion volume for *A Catholic Book of Hymns*.

Organ Support: [Chorale Prelude \(PDF\)](#)

### LITURGICAL AND HISTORICAL ROOTS

- Traditional Catholic Offertory hymn practice
- Emphasis on offering rather than procession alone
- Text aligned with the sacrificial language of the Mass

### THE ROLE OF THE HYMNAL

*A parish hymnal is more than a songbook; it provides a stable foundation for communal singing across generations. Hymnals capture texts and tunes that have proven liturgical, theological, and musical value—ensuring continuity and shared identity in sung worship.*

*A Catholic Book of Hymns is designed to fulfill this role by offering a curated collection of hymns that are durable in liturgical use and rooted in the Church’s tradition.*