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 1 O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,

 redemption's only spring;

 creator of the world are you,

 its Savior and its King,

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 2 How vast the mercy and the love

 which led you to the tree,

 and on this cross you died for us

 to set your people free,

 to set your people free.

 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,

 the ransom has been paid;

 and you are on your Father's throne

 in majesty arrayed,

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 4 O may your mighty love prevail

 our sinful souls to spare,

 O may we come before your throne

 and find acceptance there,

 and find acceptance there.

 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord,

 all glory ever be

 to Father, Son, and Spirit now

 and through eternity,

 and through eternity.

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