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1 O word of God incarnate,

O wisdom from on high,

O truth unchanged, unchanging,

O light of our dark sky:

we praise you for the radiance

that from the scripture's page,

a lantern to our footsteps,

shines on from age to age.

2 The church, from you, dear Master,

received this gift divine;

and still that light is lifted

o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass

that all life's voyage through,

'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,

still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 O make your church, dear Savior,

a lamp of burnished gold

to bear before the nations

your true light as of old.

O teach your trav'ling pilgrims

by this their path to trace

till, clouds and darkness ended,

we see you face to face.

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