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# O Word of God Incarnate

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1. O Word of God In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re - ceived the gift di - vine,  
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner Be - fore God's host un - furled;  
4. O make thy Church, dear Sa - viour, A lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,  
And still that light she lift - eth, O'er all the earth to shine;  
It shin - eth like a bea - con, A - bove the dark - ling world;  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Thy true light, as of old;

We praise thee for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the gol - den cas - ket Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the chart and com - pass That, o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
O teach thy wander - ing pil - grims By this their path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
It is the heaven - drawn pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word;  
'Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see Thee face to face.