

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

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 Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished 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 gold - en 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 wan - d'ring pil - grims by this, their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
it is the heav'n - 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.

WORDS: William Walsham How, 1867

7.6.7.6.D

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