

Christ the Word to earth descended

Tune: *Ringe recht wenn Gottes gnade* (87. 87), alt.

Words: *Verbum Supernum Prodiens*
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1. Christ the Word to earth de - scend - ed, Yet re - mained in heav - en still;
2. While the false di - sci - ple wait - ed To be - tray his mas - ter's life,
3. Un - der two - fold spe - cies giv - en, Flesh as bread and blood as wine,
4. Might - y vic - tim, earth's sal - va - tion, Heav - en's gates un - fold - ed wide,
5. To Thee, God - head, three - fold es - sence, Be un - end - ing praise and love,

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When His earth - ly jour - ney end - ed He ful - filled the Fa - ther's will.
Christ for men, though by men hat - ed, Gave in love the bread of life.
He be - came a pledge of heav - en: Man par - took of Life Di - vine.
See, we cry in de - so - la - tion: Be our strength, be at our side.
Make us worth - y of Thy pre - sence In our heav'n - ly home a - bove.