O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
   The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine;
   O make your church, dear Savior a lamp of burnished gold.

2 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
   O bear before the nations your true light as of old.

3 We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,
   It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
   A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

4 Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.
   Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

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