O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

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- O heav'nly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might, who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn:
- Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love, that as we hear thy truth today all wrong desires may burn away,
- 3. And when as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try, to recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin.
- 4. O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last, but with thy saints for evermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.
- 5. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One, praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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