O love, how deep, how broad, how high Hymnal 1982 no. 449 Melody: Deo gracias L.M.



O love, how deep, how broad, how high,

how passing thought and fantasy,

that God, the Son of God, should take

our mortal form for mortals’ sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore

his holy fast and hungered sore;

for us temptations sharp he knew;

for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;

for us his daily works he wrought:

by words and signs and actions, thus

still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed,

scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,

he bore the shameful cross and death;

for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;

for us he went on high to reign;

for us he sent his Spirit here

to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God

for love so deep, so high, so broad;

the Trinity whom we adore

for ever and for evermore.

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