O Christ, the Word Incarnate Hymnal 1982 no. 632 Melody: Munich 7 6. 7 6. D.

British spelling



O Christ, the Word Incarnate,

O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,

O Light of our dark sky;

we praise thee for the radiance

that from the scripture’s page,

a lantern to our footsteps,

shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master

received the word divine,

and still that light is lifted

o’er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass

that o’er life’s surging sea,

mid mists and rocks and quicksands,

still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy Church, dear Saviour,

a lamp of purest gold,

to bear before the nations

thy true light as of old;

O teach thy wandering pilgrims

by this their path to trace,

till, clouds and darkness ended,

they see thee face to face.

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