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1 Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.
2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight

lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night

with the beams of truth unclouded;

thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!

Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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