

Only-Begotten, Word of God eternal

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Lord of Cre - a - tion, mer - ci - ful and migh - ty, list to thy

ser - vants, when their tune - ful voic - es rise to thy pres - ence.

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Thus in our solemn feast of dedication,
 graced with returning rites of due devotion,
 ever thy children, year by year rejoicing,
 chant in thy temple.

Here in our sickness healing grace aboundeth,
 light in our darkness, in our toil refreshment;
 sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaileth,
 joy over sorrow.

Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,
 this is none other than the gate of heaven;
 strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
 pass through its portals.

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,
 by thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
 smile on thy children, and with tender mercy
 hear our petitions.

God in Three Persons, Father everlasting,
 Son co-eternal, ever-blessed Spirit,
 thine be the glory, praise and adoration,
 now and for ever.

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