

# Hymn Lyrics

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## We pray thee, heavenly Father

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our Guide and Helper,  
O Jesus Christ, we pray;  
so may we well approach thee,  
if thou wilt be the Way:  
thou, very Truth, hast promised  
to help us in our strife,  
food of the weary pilgrim,  
eternal Source of life.

And thou, Creator Spirit,  
look on us, we are thine;  
renew us in thy graces,  
upon our darkness shine;  
that, with thy benediction,  
upon our souls outpoured,  
we may receive in gladness  
the Body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons!  
O Unity most high!  
On thee alone relying  
thy servants would draw nigh;  
unworthy in our weakness,  
on thee our hope is stayed,  
and blest by thy forgiveness  
we will not be afraid.