

We Pray Thee, Heavenly Father

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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 Jesu 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.