

Almighty Father, bless the word

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which through thy grace we now have heard,
O may the precious seed take root,
spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise thee for the means of grace
thus in thy courts to seek thy face,
grant, Lord, that we who worship here
may all at last in heaven appear.

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