

O Word of God Above

Charles Guiet, 1680.

Benjamin Milgrove, 1769.

O Word of God above,

Who fillest all in all,

Hallow this house with Thy sure love,

And bless our festival.

Here from the font is poured

Grace on each sinful child;

The blest anointing of the Lord

Brightens the once defiled.

Here Christ to faithful hearts

His body gives for food;

The Lamb of God Himself imparts

The chalice of His blood.

Here guilty souls that pine

May health and pardon win;

The Judge acquits, and grace divine

Restores the dead in sin.

Yea, God enthroned on high

Here also dwells to bless;

Here trains adoring souls that sigh

His mansions to possess.

Against this holy home

Rude tempests harmless beat,

And Satan's angels fiercely come

But to endure defeat.

All might, all praise be Thine,

Father, co-equal Son,

And Spirit, Bond of love divine,

Where endless ages run.