

O Word of God Incarnate

Finnish Hymn Melody

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef. Measure 5 is marked with a '5' above the staff.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody from the first system. Measure 10 is marked with a '10' above the staff.

The third system of musical notation continues the melody from the second system. Measure 15 is marked with a '15' above the staff.

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A Lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, our Savior, received the Gift divine,
And still that Light is lifted over all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred Vessel where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven drawn Picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;
It is a shining Beacon above the darkling world.
It is the Chart and Compass that over life's surging tide,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

O make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.

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