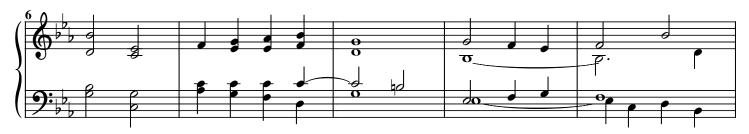
Father eternal, Ruler of creation

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Father eternal, Ruler of creation, Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made, through the thick darkness covering every nation, light to our blindness, O be thou our aid:

Refrain: thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided, and, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share; by wars and tumults Love is mocked, derided; his conquering cross no nation wills to bear:

Refrain:

Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded, nation by nation still goes unforgiven, in wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded, building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:

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Lust of possession worketh desolations; there is no meekness in the powers of earth; led by no star, the rulers of the nations still fail to bring us to the blissful birth:

Refrain:

How shall we love thee, holy hidden Being, if we love not the world which thou hast made? O give us brother-love for better seeing thy Word made flesh and in a manger laid:

Refrain:

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