We Pray, Thee, Heav'nly 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.

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