

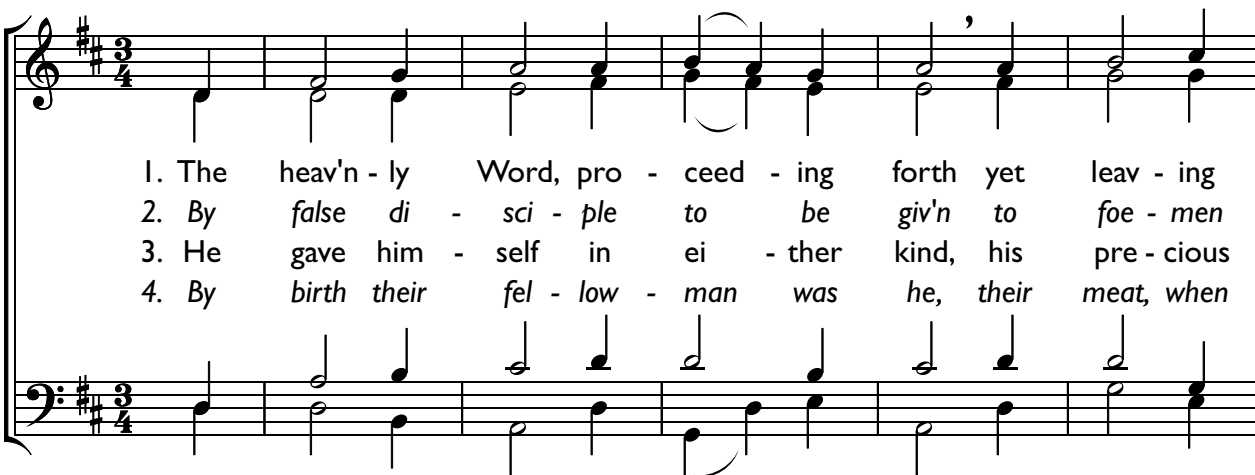
# AMNS 253 The heavenly Word, proceeding forth

Melody: Solemnis Haec Festivitas

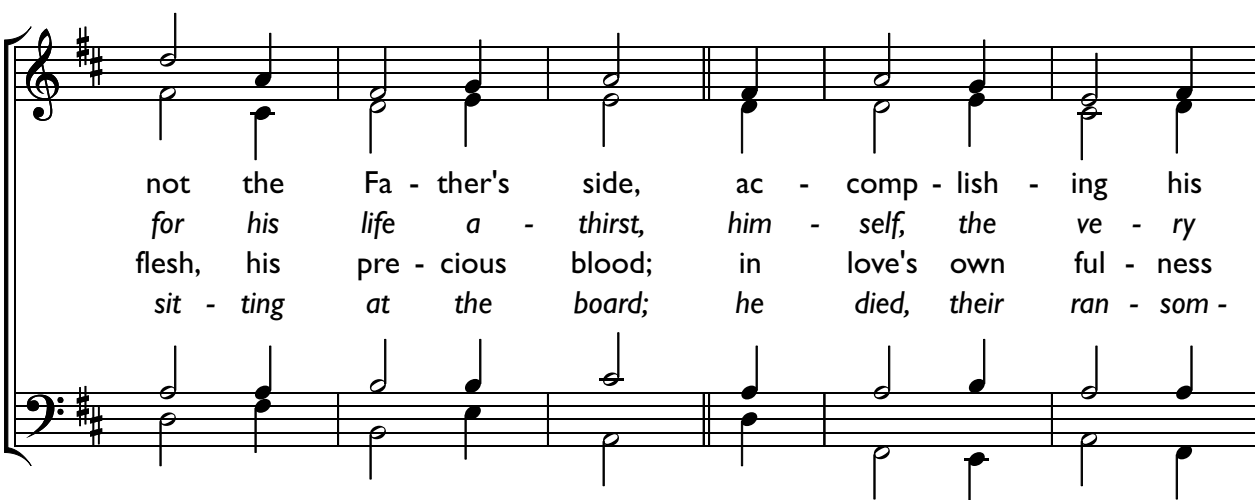
St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274),  
tr. J. M. Neale, E. Caswall and others

Melody from  
Paris Gradual, 1685

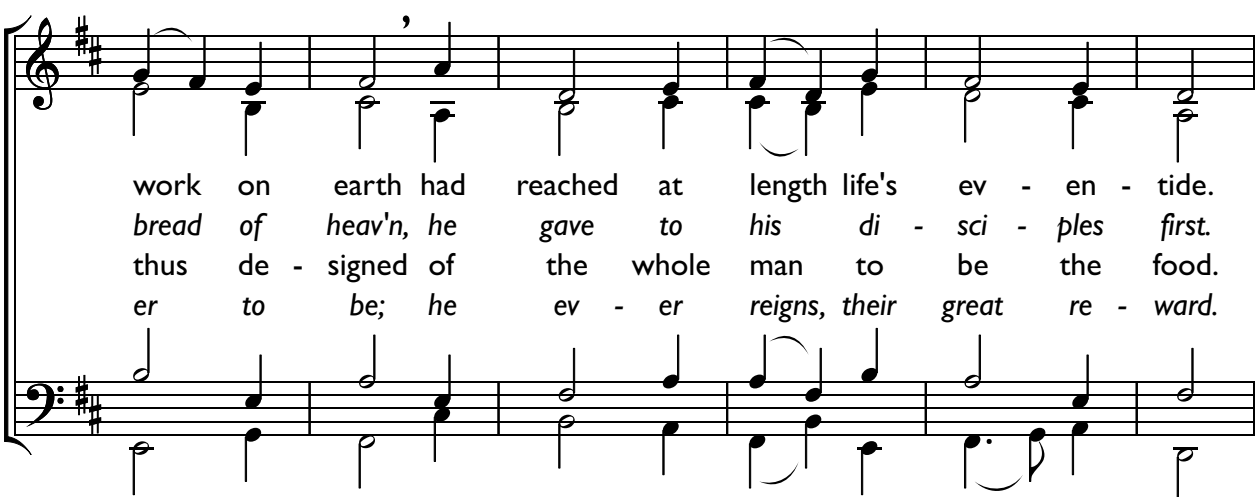
## Part I



1. The heav'n - ly Word, pro - ceed - ing forth yet leav - ing  
2. By false di - sci - ple to be giv'n to foe - men  
3. He gave him - self in ei - ther kind, his pre - cious  
4. By birth their fel - low - man was he, their meat, when



not the Fa - ther's side, ac - comp - lish - ing his  
for his life a - thirst, him - self, the ve - ry  
flesh, his pre - cious blood; in love's own ful - ness  
sit - ting at the board; he died, their ran - som -



work on earth had reached at length life's ev - en - tide.  
bread of heav'n, he gave to his di - sci - ples first.  
thus de - signed of the whole man to be the food.  
er to be; he ev - er reigns, their great re - ward.

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5. O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide the gate of  
 6. All praise and thanks to thee as - cend for ev - er -

heav'n to man be - low, our foes press on from  
 more, blest One in Three; O grant us life that

ev - 'ry side: thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.  
 shall not end in our true na - tive land with thee.