

Eternal God, who hast been the hope and joy  
of many generations, and who in all ages hast given  
men the power to seek Thee and in seeking to find  
Thee, grant us, We pray Thee, a clearer vision of Thy  
truth, a greater faith in Thy power, and more con-  
fident assurance of Thy love.

When the way seems dark dark before us, give us  
Grace to walk trustingly:

When much is obscure to us, let us be all the  
more faithful to the little that we can clearly see:

When the distant scene is clouded, let us rejoice  
that at least the next step is plain:

When what Thou art is most hidden from our eyes,  
let us still hold fast to what Thou dost command:

When insight falters, let obedience stand firm:

When we lack in faith let us repay in love.

O infinite God, the brightness of whose face is often shrouded  
from our mortal gaze, we thank Thee that Thou didst  
send Thy Son Jesus Christ to be a light in a dark world.

O Christ, Thou light of light, we thank Thee that in Thy  
most holy life Thou didst pierce the eternal mystery as  
with a great shaft of heavenly light, so that in seeing  
Thee we see Him whom no man hath seen at any  
time.

And if still we cannot find Thee, O God, then let us  
search our hearts and know whether it is not rather we  
who are blind than Thou who art obscure —