WORD OF GOD TO EARTH DESCENDING

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1. Word of God to earth descending, with the Father present still,
   Mighty Victim, earth’s salvation, Heavenly gate unfolding wide,
   Help thy people in temptation, be our food,
   Feed them from thy bleeding side.

2. Well the traitor’s kiss foreknowing, Miracle of love divine,
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   Help thy people in temptation, be our food,
   Feed them from thy bleeding side.

3. Victor, earth’s salvation, Heavenly gates unfolding wide,
   Mighty Victim, earth’s salvation, Heavenly gates unfolding wide,
   Help thy people in temptation, be our food,
   Feed them from thy bleeding side.

4. Holy body, blood all precious, Given by him to present still,
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   Feed them from thy bleeding side.

5. Mighty Victim, earth’s salvation, Heavenly own gate unfolding wide,
   Help thy people in temptation, Feed them from thy bleeding side.
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   God, of flesh and blood.

6. Unto thee, the hidden manna, Father, Spirit, unto thee,
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   Let us raise the loud hosanna, And adoring bend the knee.
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