O Food to pilgrims given Hymnal 1982 no. 309

Melody: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (Innsbruck) 7 7 6. D.

British spelling



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O Bread of life from heaven,

O Manna from on high!

We hunger; Lord, supply us,

nor thy delights deny us,

whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling,

O purest fountain, welling

from out the Saviour’s side!

We faint with thirst; revive us,

of thine abundance give us,

and all we need provide.

O Jesus, by thee bidden,

we here adore thee, hidden

in forms of bread and wine.

Grant when the veil is riven,

we may behold, in heaven,

thy countenance divine.

Words: Latin, 1661, translated by John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

Music: German folksong, set by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) in the St. Matthew Passion