O saving Victim, opening wide Hymnal 1982 no. 310

Melody: Herr Jesu Christ (rhythmic version from no. 3) L.M.



O saving Victim, opening wide

the gate of heaven to us below,

our foes press on from every side,

thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend

for evermore, blest One in Three;

O grant us life that shall not end

in our true native land with thee.

Words: Attributed to Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274), translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: Melody from *Cantionale Germanicum*, 1628, harmony from *Gothaisches Cantional*, 1651