

AMNS 253 The heavenly Word, proceeding forth

Melody: Solemnis Haec Festivitas

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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.