Word of Our God

Inspired by Matthew 5:13–16  

INTRO Allegro (♩ = ca. 156)

Keyboard

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REFRAIN

Descant
Word of our God in time,

Soprano
Word of our God, savored in time, send us__

Alto

Baritone

D  A/C#  Em  Bm  G

send us forth as salt for the earth, as a

forth as salt for the earth. Burn in our hearts as a

D/F#  Em  Asus4  A  D  A/C#
lamp for feet. Lead us forth to
lamp for our feet. Lead us forth to shine as
G/B D/F# G D/F# Em

light the world.

light for the world.

Asus4 A Dsus4

D to Verses Final D

Fine

Fine
VERSES

1. Word at the dawn of creation, to
2. Word in the womb of a virgin, to
3. Word in the hearts of your people, to
4. Word that is true and eternal, our

1. bless the beginning of time,
2. make what is human divine,
3. claim what is yours by design,
4. Way, and our Truth, and our Life,
1. speak to our hearts of justice and truth;
2. speak to our hearts of mercy and peace;
3. speak to our hearts of beauty and grace;
4. speak to our hearts of joy without end;

teach us the mys’tries of heav’en...
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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D A/C# Em Bm G D/F# Em A

REFRAIN

D A/C# Em Bm G D/F# Em

Word of our God, savored in time, send us forth as salt for the earth. Burn in our hearts as a lamp for our feet. Lead us forth to shine as light for the world.

VERSES

Em Asus4 Dsus4 D

1. Word at the dawn of creation, to
2. Word in the womb of a virgin, to
3. Word in the hearts of your people, to
4. Word that is true and eternal, our

C Gsus4 G D A

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F Gm C9 F

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3. speak to our hearts of beauty and grace;
4. speak to our hearts of joy without end;

Bb Gm7 Em Em7 A7sus4 A

1-4. teach us the mysteries of heaven.

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Composer Notes

It seems there’s always a need for spirited songs to send us forth at the end of liturgy. This piece highlights the Word of God that sends us forth but is also the message that we take to the world. That Word is such an important and ever-present image in our Christian tradition. John the Evangelist reminds that “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.” Jesus of Nazareth is understood as God’s Word spoken to the world, “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” We often refer to Sacred Scripture as being the inspired Word of God.

The backbone of this piece lies in its drive and energy. This is one of those pieces where there’s very little variation in tempo except for a very slight ritardando on the measure immediately preceding each refrain. Even though the recording features keyboard/piano as the main instrument, this piece works great with guitar accompaniment. If the parish music ministry has a percussionist, this is a wonderful piece to employ some light percussion.

Uses: This song is best imagined as a closing piece to a liturgy, a sending forth of the community into the world. It might also be used as a song during the Offertory as a reflection on the Liturgy of the Word that has just completed.

General Use: Sending Forth, Commissioning, Vocation, Confirmation

—Dan Schutte
WORD OF OUR GOD

Refrain

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Verses

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2. Word in the womb of a virgin, to make what is human divine,
3. Word in the hearts of your people, to claim what is yours by design,
4. Word that is true and eternal, to our Way, and our Truth, and our Life,

1. speak to our hearts of justice and truth;
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