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Word of God, Come Down on Earth
SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,
Solo Instrument I & II in C, Assembly

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CHORAL SERIES

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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INTRO *With expression* (♩ = ca. 64)

Keyboard

mp

Dm B♭/D G/D Dm B♭/D G

VERSE 1

5 Tenors/Basses

mp

1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv-ing rain from heav'n de-scend-ing;

Dm B♭/D G/D Dm B♭/D G/D G

9

1. touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un-end-ing.

Am Am/G B/F# Em F C/G Gsus4 G Em

cresc.

13

1. Word al-might-y,— we re-vere you; Word— made flesh, we

Am Am9/G D/F# G F C/G Emadd9

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VERSE 2

Sopranos/Altos

mp

17 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to

poco rit. *a tempo*

1. long to hear — you.

F Cmaj7/G Dm Bb/D G/D Dm Bb/D

poco rit. *mp* *a tempo*

21

2. life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, cru-ci-fied for

G/D Am Am/G B/F# Em F C/G

G/D Am Am/G B/F# Em F C/G

25

2. our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the — world re - stor - ing, speak — to

S A

Gsus4 G Em Am Am9/G D/F# G F C/G

29 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

2. us, your love out pour - ing.

Em F Cmaj7/G Dm Bb/D G/D Dm Bb/D

poco rit. *a tempo* *cresc.*

34 *accel.* *S/A f*

3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our

accel. *T/B f*

3. blind eyes to see,

G/D Em Am Am/G F C

cresc. e accel *f*

38

3. mor - tal blind-ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our tongues to

T *B* *S* *A*

3. heal our blind - ness; our heal - er be; to

G Em Am Am/G F C

42

3. tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y spo - ken,

Be our Word

G E Am Am/G F D/F#

dim.

45

mf *mp* *rit.* *a tempo*

3. heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.

mf *mp* *rit.* *a tempo*

C/G C Gsus4 G F Em7 Am Am/G

mf *dim.* *mp* *rit.* *a tempo*

49 F C G E Am Am/G

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 42-44) features a vocal line with lyrics '3. tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y spo - ken,' and a piano accompaniment with chords G, E, Am, Am/G, F, and D/F#. The second system (measures 45-48) has lyrics '3. heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.' and includes dynamic markings (mf, mp, rit., a tempo) and chords (C/G, C, Gsus4, G, F, Em7, Am, Am/G). The third system (measures 49-50) shows chords F, C, G, E, Am, and Am/G. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid on the score.

53 F D/F# C/G Gsus4 G F Cmaj7/G

rit.

VERSE 4: Tempo I (♩ = ca. 64)

57 S/A *mf*

4. Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be - yond all tell - ing,

T/B *mf*

Dm Bb/D G/D Dm Bb/D G/D Em

cresc.

61 S *f*

4. Word that sends us from a - bove God the Spir - it, — with us dwell - ing;

A

f

4. Word that sends us from a - bove —

Bm Bm/A C#/G# F#m G D/A Asus4 A F#m7

65

4. Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with

4. Word of truth to all truth lead us,

Bm Bm9/A E/G# A G D/A F#m

dim. mf dim.

69

4. one bread feed us.

rit.

G F#m7 Em Cmaj7 A Aadd9 E

mp rit. dim. p

8^{vb}

Textwriter Notes

A hymn which provides a series of gospel-verses or a hymn to God's Word for Scripture services.

Stanza 1: Isaiah 55:10–11.

Stanza 2: John 1:1–18.

Stanza 3: cf. the gospel miracles of healing.

Stanza 4: the last two lines combine the double theme of John 6 (Christ as the Bread of life in his teaching and in his eucharistic presence).

Topics: Word of God; Christmas, Communion

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO *With expression* (♩ = ca. 64)

mp Dm B♭/D G/D Dm B♭/D G

(Kbd)

VERSE 1

mp Dm B♭/D

1. Word of God, come

6 G/D Dm B♭/D G/D G Am Am/G

1. down on earth, liv-ing rain from heav'n de-scend-ing; touch our hearts and

10 B/F# Em F C/G Gsus4 G Em Am Am9/G

1. bring to birth faith and hope and love un-end-ing. Word al-might-y, —

14 D/F# G F C/G Emadd9 F Cmaj7/G *poco rit.*

1. we re-vere you; Word — made flesh, we long to hear —

VERSE 2

18 Dm *a tempo mp* B♭/D G/D Dm B♭/D G/D

1. you. 2. Word e-ter-nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre-a-tion,

22 Am Am/G B/F# Em F C/G Gsus4 G Em

2. Word that came from heav'n to die, cru-ci-fied for our sal-va-tion,

26 Am Am9/G D/F# G F C/G Em

2. sav-ing Word, the — world re-stor-ing, speak — to us, your

30 F Cmaj7/G Dm B♭/D G/D Dm B♭/D G/D Em *accel.*

poco rit. *a tempo*

2. love out pour-ing.

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VERSE 3 *With movement* (♩ = ca. 68)

35 Am *f* Am/G F C G Em
 3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal blind - ness;

39 Am Am/G F C G E
 3. deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness.

43 Am Am/G F D/F# C/G *mf* C Gsus4 G F Em *rit.*
 3. Be our Word in pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro -

48 Am *a tempo* Am/G F C G E
 3. ken.

52 Am Am/G F D/F# C/G Gsus4 G F Cmaj7/G *rit.*

VERSE 4: Tempo I (♩ = ca. 64)

57 Dm *mf* Bb/D G/D Dm Bb/D G/D Em
 4. Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be - yond all tell - ing,

61 Bm *f* Bm/A C#/G# F#m G D/A Asus4 A F#m7
 4. Word that sends us from a - bove God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing;

65 Bm Bm9/A E/G# A G D/A F#m *mf* *mp*
 4. Word of truth, to ___ all truth lead us, Word ___ of life, with

69 G F#m7 Em Cmaj7 A A add9 E *rit.* *p*
 4. one bread feed ___ us.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT I & II in C

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INTRO *With expression* (♩ = ca. 64)

VERSE 1

I

II

mp *p*

mp *p*

VERSE 2

poco rit. *a tempo*

...long to hear you.

mp

poco rit. *a tempo*

mp

mf

mf

poco rit. *a tempo* *accel.*

mf *accel.*

poco rit. *a tempo* *accel.*

mp *p* *mf*

VERSE 3 With movement (♩ = ca. 68)

11 rit. a tempo

f ...our sin bro-ken.

11 rit. a tempo

f

rit.

rit.

VERSE 4: Tempo I (♩ = ca. 64)

mf *f*

mf *f*

mf *mf*

mp *mf* *mf*

rit.

p

rit.

p

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Assembly Edition

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

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Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 4. Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -



1. heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 2. life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 4. yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



1. faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 2. cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 4. God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing; Word of truth, to



1. we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 2. world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out pour - ing.
 4. all truth lead us, Word of life, with one bread feed us.

to Verses Verse 3



3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our



3. mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our



3. tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y spo - ken,

to Verse 4



3. heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.

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