

The heavens God's glory declare

Gospel — The Mystery of the Universe

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1. The heav - ens God's glo - ry de - clare, And the sky His work pro -
 claim - eth; Day un - to day their speech pours forth To farth - est reach - es
 of the earth. God's at - trib - utes, e - ter - nal pow'r By cre - a - tion are thus made
 known; Things hu - man eyes can't re - al - ize By things He cre - at - ed are shown.

2. The living Creator of all

Did not leave Himself without witness,
 With grace and harvest bounteous,
 He fills our hearts with gladness.
 Heav'n sends down rain, earth brings forth grain—
 As bestowed from God, living, true;
 Ye clothed, sustained, enjoying grace,
 Be mindful of Him who made you.

3. The Lord of all heaven and earth,
 Life and breath to all men giveth;
 Their boundaries and seasons sets
 That groping they might find Him yet.
 God—hidden, unseen mystery—
 Universal secret is He;
 All men must learn, this truth discern,
 Creation's true meaning to see.

4. Creation shows something of God,
 But 'tis not full revelation.
 His person, image, only can
 Be properly expressed through man.
 Christ Jesus, God's beloved Son,
 Came to earth, a human became;
 God's very nature, all God is,
 He constantly, fully displayed.

5. Mysterious Christ, marvelous!

God is manifest among us.
 God infinite, in eternity,
 Yet man in time, finite to be;
 O Christ, mysterious, God in flesh,
 Wond'rous news—God mingled with man!
 As God yet man, He'd enter in,
 Your blessed rich portion within.

6. God's nature was hidden in Him;
 He did manifest God's image.
 In flesh He has redemption wrought;
 As Spirit, oneness with me sought.
 Oh, God-man Christ, incarnate Word,
 Bled and died to sinners redeem,
 Rose from the grave, as Spirit came
 To fill you, your life to be.