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Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace,
transforming broken people into the holy church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin’s birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.