

Descant

5 "Of thy great mer - cy," Lord, we pray through Je - sus Christ our Lord,

1 O Lord, our dark - ness light - en now; de - fend our homes from harm,
 2 Light - en the dark - ness of our minds, the dark - ness of our hearts;
 3 In - ev - ery pe - ril of this night, our heav - enly keep - er be;
 4 In deep - est gloom of mo - ral night, light - en our dark - ness still;
 5 "Of thy great mer - cy," Lord, we pray through Je - sus Christ our Lord,

to turn our dark - ness in - to day through Thine e - ter - nal word.

our aid in ev - ery pe - ril Thou, our stay in all a - larm!
 light - en the earth - ly gloom that blinds with grace Thy Truth im - parts.
 Pro - tec - tor, Guar - dian, Hel - per, Might: we find our all in Thee.
 o - pen our eyes to see the light and un - der - stand Thy will.
 to turn our dark - ness in - to day through Thine e - ter - nal word.

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