 Authorities

1. We thank you, God, for Scripture, those words, inspired, that tell
2. We thank you for tradition, to which your Church is true,
3. We thank you, God, for reason, that light of yours with in
4. But, most of all, the Gospel is what we're thankful for,

of how you made the heavens, of how your creatures fell,
the teachings and the customs that constantly renew;
that lets us fathom Scripture and where your Church has been,
the news of your redemption of wealthy and of poor--

of how you called us often, of how you sent your Son,
the saints who came before us have helped to show the way,
for reason, by your Spirit, it will help to teach us how
the Word made flesh dwelt with us and taught us selfless love,

who built his Church eternal and calls us to be one.
as we, their heirs, for others, will do the same some day.
to be your faithful servants in this, the here and now.
then died to take us with him to dwell with you above.

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