

In the Beginning
for SATB choir, soloists and organ

5 minutes

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Program Note:

In the Beginning was written for Spencer Martin and the First Lutheran Church choir in Decorah, IA, on the occasion of the church's sesquicentennial. The text is drawn from John 1 (KJV) and William Walsham How's hymn "O Word of God Incarnate."

In principio,
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,

The same was in the beginning with God.

O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky!
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallow'd page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The Word of God stands forever.
Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum.