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*Thaxted*  
Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

From time be - fore the cha - os, from time be - fore all things, God  
There is an - oth - er ban - quet, when all is said and done; it  
Yet there is just one ban - quet which Christ bids us to share. It

sets a hol - y ta - ble for which cre - a - tion sings. There  
waits us in the fu - ture, when ag - es long have run. Christ  
comes be - fore all a - ges; it waits at time's last hour. Bread

God spreads Wis - dom's ban - quet; there God serves Christ's own feast, and  
sits at ta - ble with us; Christ serves a feast of love, and  
bro - ken for God's peo - ple, wine poured to quench our thirst: Food

bec - kens all the peo - ple, the great - est and the least, to  
with the an - gels' voic - es a shout of song a - bove: We  
from cre - a - tion's boun - ty which hu - man hands have worked. The

take the gifts be - fore them to take them and re - joice to  
sing the glor - ious tri - umph which Christ the Lamb has won, and  
Al - pha and O - me - ga has come to meet us now, to

feed up on Christ's true life, and praise him with one voice.  
praise e - ter - al rais - ing, we laud the Ho - ly One.  
nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's mis - sion to em - pow'r.