

## HYMN TEXTS - OCTOBER 16, 2022

### WORD OF GOD, ACROSS THE AGES

1 Word of God, across the ages comes the message to our life;  
source of hope for ever present in our toil and fears and strife;  
constant witness to God's mercy, still our grace whate'er be fall,  
guide unfailing, strength eternal, offered freely to us all.

2 Story of the wondrous journey from the shadows of the night;  
garnered truth of sage and prophet, guiding forward into light;  
words and deeds Christ our Master, pointing to the life and way,  
still appealing, still inspiring, 'mid the struggles of today.

3 In the tongues of all the peoples may the message bless and heal,  
as devout and patient scholars more and more its depths reveal.  
Bless, O God, to wise and simple, all the truth of ageless worth,  
till all lands receive the witness and Your knowledge fills the earth.

### SPEAK, O LORD

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy word.  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your Likeness;  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## ANCIENT WORDS

1 Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;  
in this world wher-e'er we roam God's ancient words will guide us home.

### *Refrain*

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you;  
we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

2 Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound  
with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

## I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory.  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.