

Hymn Lyrics – Large Font

Hymn 497 – Word of God, across the ages

1. Word of God, across the ages comes your message to our life, source of hope, forever present in our toil and fears and strife, constant witness to God's mercy, still our grace, whate'er befall, guide unfailing strength eternal, offered freely to us all.
2. Story of our wondrous journey from the shadows of the night, garnered truth of sage and prophet, guiding forward into light, words and deeds of Christ our teacher, pointing to the life and way, still appealing, still inspiring, in 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 your truth of ageless worth, till all lands receive the witness and your knowledge fills the earth.

Hymn 297 – O love that casts out fear

1. O love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin, tarry no more without, but come and dwell within.
2. True sunlight of the soul, surround us as we go; so shall our way be safe, our feet no straying know.
3. Great love of God, come in! Wellspring of heavenly peace, thou living water, come: spring up and never cease.
4. Love of the living God, of Father and of Son, love of the Holy Ghost, fill thou each needy one.

Hymn 295 – When long before time

1. When long before time and the worlds were begun, when there was no earth and no sky and no sun, and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme, and even our Maker had only a dream...
2. the silence was broken when God sang the Song, and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began, and with its first birth-dries creation was born, and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

3. The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's, their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word; the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song; the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

4. Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared, its harmonies broken and almost unheard, the Singer comes to us to sing it again: our God is with us in the world now as then.

5. The Light has returned as it came once before; the Song of the Lord is our own song once more; so let us all sing with one heart and one voice the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6. To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise; to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise; to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath, be glory forever, through life and through death.

Hymn 298 – Glory be to God the Father

1. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One! Glory, glory, glory, glory while eternal ages run.

2. Glory to the One who loved us, washed us from each sin and stain; glory to the One who bought us, raised us up to serve and reign. Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain.

3. "Glory, blessing, praise eternal!" angel choirs their hymns prolong; "Honour, riches, power, dominion!" echoes all creations song. Glory, glory, glory, glory, praises to our God belong.