

- 1 Timeless God, you hold our story:
weave our dreams into your plan.
Make your Church a living witness
to the work that Christ began.

*Come the day that love has conquered,
and the hosts of heaven sing,
may our lives on earth have echoed:
'God is Lord and Christ is King'.*

- 2 Gracious God, you offer wisdom
far beyond our human minds.
Yet you trust us, in our weakness,
to bring insight to the blind.

Come the day ...

- 3 When our human powers falter
keep us focused on your call.
Strengthen us to share the message
of abundant life for all.

Come the day ...

- 4 God eternal, hear our longing
to be heralds of your grace:
till Creation's restless longing
finds its peace in your embrace.

Come the day ...

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Gracious God of all creation,
faithful to us in the past;
you are constant in the present,
we affirm your love will last.
So we celebrate this moment,
giving thanks for thought and care
that you offer through each other,
giving us your love to share.

You were there at our beginning
watching every human birth;
walking with us through our childhood,
with us still upon this earth.
You have shared our joy and sorrow,
holding us in hope or pain,
seeing growth in age and wisdom,
understanding loss and gain.

People see us, sometimes wonder,
do not always gauge our worth,
but you value all our living,
God of human life and birth.
So we offer our thanksgiving,
sing your praise for all that's past.
You through grace and faith have held us,
and will take us home at last.

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- 1 God, you have watched the growing
that brought us to this day.
Now offer us new purpose,
a satisfying way.
Now is the time for freedom,
to think of different things,
to share that special knowledge,
that all our living brings.
- 2 Across the generations
we try to heal and care,
to offer human wisdom
when love is hard to share.
God help the growth of patience,
and tact in what we say,
and when the words evade us
then hear the thoughts we pray.
- 3 Now is the time to gather
what memory has kept,
and then to build new purpose
that hope can be expressed;
to grasp what God has granted,
to live a life of grace,
to demonstrate the loving
that others might embrace.
- 4 It takes a life of learning,
to make another start,
a sense of awe and wonder
an openness to art;
and then life's long reflection,
considered, crafted, weighed,
will help to give the purpose
for which we've lived and prayed.

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