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Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now
Is ev'rything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity

Chorus

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Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet

You'll have ev'ry failure God
You'll have ev'ry victory

Chorus

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You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
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Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe
What You say of me I believe

"Gather Us In," by Marty Haugen

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Verse 1

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

Verse 2

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Call to Worship:

All: Words!

Leader: By them the universe was created: planets and moons, stars and sky, all living things, day and night.

People: We come today to worship and adore the Creator of this world and this day.

All: Ancient words!

Leader: Words spoken long ago. The Scriptures we hold as central to the practice of our faith.

People: We come today to open the ancient words that will give us strength for our journeys.

All: Logos!

Leader: The Word through whom God created everything.

The light that shines in the darkness and will not be put out.

People: We come today to seek the Logos-Word of God revealed to us in Christ.

All: The Word!

Leader: Jesus Christ—the Bread of Life—known to us in brokenness. Through Christ, we celebrate One Bread and One Body

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People: We come in our brokenness to become one body in Christ.

All: Living Word!

Leader: The Word that opens our eyes to recognize the Spirit of Christ. The Word that makes friends of strangers on the journey. The Word that warms our hearts with the Good News and sends us rejoicing.

People: We come to be changed—healed, reconciled, and revived—by the Living Word of God.

Leaders: Come, friends, Let us go on a journey together.

All: Let us be changed by the Word in our midst today. Let us sing and give praise to our God.

“Ancient Words,” by Lynn DeShazo

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Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice

O heed the faithful words of Christ

Chorus

Ancient words ever true

Changing me changing you

We have come with open hearts

O let the ancient words impart

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page

They have died for this faith

Hear them cry through the years

Heed these words and hold them dear

Chorus

Ancient words ever true

Changing me changing you

We have come with open hearts

O let the ancient words impart

Ending

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James 3:1-12 NRSVUE

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment.

2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

4 Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

“Thy Word,” by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

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Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid

And I think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

As long as You are near

Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

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“He Lives,” by Alfred Henry Ackley

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Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

Chorus

He lives He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart