

Hymn 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken the unchanging word,
From each age to age proclaiming, God the One, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns forever, God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by His Spirit, speaketh to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word expounding God's own message, now as then.
Thru the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith yet standing fast,
God abides, the word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

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Hymn 150

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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