Hymn 1 ~ Thanks to God whose word was spoken

Thanks to God whose word was spoken in the deed that made the earth. His the voice that called a nation, his the fires that tried her worth. God has spoken: God has spoken: praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word incarnate glorified the flesh of man. Deeds and words and death and rising tell the grace in heaven's plan. God has spoken: God has spoken: praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page, Record of the revelation showing God to every age. God has spoken: God has spoken: praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is answered by the Spirit's voice within. Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin. God is speaking: God is speaking: praise him for his open word.

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Hymn 2 ~ We have a gospel to proclaim

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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