

Vision hymn

Vision hymn for Year 3: Prophetic

In ancient times you called them, those prophets of our past,
reassured, emboldened, stirred them to step up to the task.
But first they had to listen, to ponder what they'd heard
and make divine connections between your Word and world:
then, Spirit-filled and singing your song of change and choice,
they challenged sin and suffering and lifted up their voice.

They pleaded for the widow, the orphan and the poor;
they stood up for the foreigner, for those oppressed by war;
in times of violation, your fairness was their dream,
envisioning your justice, an ever-rolling stream.
We need those waters still, Lord, to wash our sullied world:
Where are your prophets now, Lord? O let us hear your Word!

Then suddenly we realise, their call is also *ours* –
to scatter seeds of righteousness, to speak your truth to power.
Transform our lack of courage that, Spirit-filled, we too
may live our faith and find our voice to share your hope anew.
Until creation is restored, until all sufferings cease,
we vow to strive for healing, for freedom and for peace.

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To be sung to the tune *Thaxted (I vow to thee my country)*.