
Many Books, One Holy Canon

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Many books, one holy canon, many authors, voice divine,
forging saints through faithful teaching, Scripture speaks to every time.
Law and prophecy and wisdom, prose and poetry and song,
gospel stories and epistles – Living Word inspired by God.

As we hear the sacred readings and respond “Thanks be to God,”
may the living words transform us, fill our temples with Christ’s love.
May we listen and interpret with divinely opened minds
in our worship and our study, as we take the bread and wine.

Breathe your Word into our hearts, Lord; may it guide us on the way.
May the spirit, not the letter, be the law that we obey.
Give us insight and discernment; let your Scripture read us, too.
May it mold us as your people; may our lives proclaim good news.

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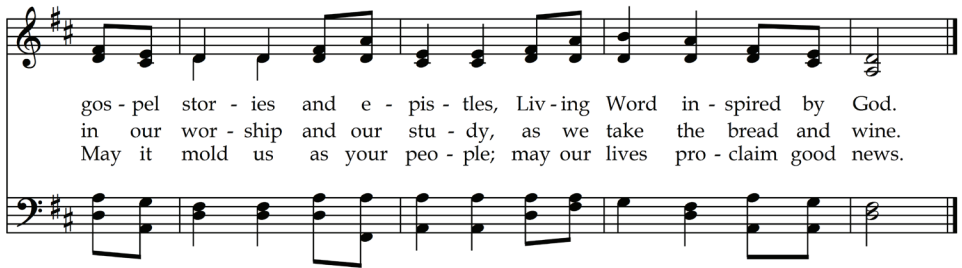
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JOHN WYETH'S REPOSITORY
OF SACRED MUSIC (1831)

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/7. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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