

Hymns' 18.1.20 **CALLED TO SPEAK THE WORDS OF HEALING**

“...and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. ...So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:32,34

Called to speak the words of healing,

not the words of fear and hate.

Words can heal or hurt so deeply;

words unite or separate.

Only caring, truthful speaking

saves the church and frees the state,

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Who will speak to save our children

from one armed and filled with hate?

Who will challenge silent leaders

to defend those at our gate?

Speak, and act so all God's children

will be free from such a fate,

will be free from such a fate.

Some use Scripture to divide us;
"We are one!" then goes unheard.
Ancient words still shape the future,
one of hope or dreams deferred.
As You urge us, gracious Spirit,
help us choose the Living Word,
help us choose the Living Word.

While we seek to live like Jesus,
speaking truth in word and deed,
we confess to hidden bias
which reveals our own deep need.
Speak your truth Lord; save and free us,
then we will be free indeed!
Then we will be free indeed!

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