Your Hand, O Lord, Has Guided

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- 1. Your hand, O Lord, has guided your Church from age to age; the wondrous tale is written so clearly on each page; our fathers praised your goodness, and we their deeds record; and both to this bear witness: one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- Your heralds brought glad tidings, to greatest and to least; they told all men to hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in ev'ry deed and word, to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3. Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife, the faithful few fought bravely to guard the Christian life; their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone; with all your strength to help us, the vict'ry shall be won; and then, by men and angels your name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one faith, one Lord.

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