

WOMEN'S VOICES, WOMEN'S WITNESS

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Women's voices, women's witness
Being faithful through the years.
Living lives of dedication
Finding hope amid the tears.
God you made us in your image
From your womb you gave us life.
With this life we give you service.
Serve your people, show your grace.

Women's witness of the ages
Has persisted through the pain.
Tell the stories of our mothers
Let us sing their songs again.
Women's voices of the future
Speak of visions yet unseen.
Tell the stories of our daughters
Filled with wonder, hope and dreams.

Tell of visits to two women
One a virgin, one grown old.
Yet to each there came a promise
Of a gift by God foretold.
Tell of one who shared her water
Left replenished from the well.
Tell of women that first Easter
To whom Christ said: go and tell.

Celebrate the faith of Anna
And the loyalty of Ruth.
Stand with Noah and her sisters
Seeking justice, speaking truth.
Join with us in Sarah's laughter
Raise your voice in Miriam's song.
Women's voices, women's witness
Showing women they belong.

When the bread and cup we're sharing
When we hold a neighbors hand.
Be like Martha in our service
Be like Mary as we learn.
These our stories that surround us
This our heritage to name.
Women's voices, women's witness
We remember, we proclaim.