in memory of Mildred Nevile, MBE (1927–2012)

Act Justly

Based on Micah 6:8

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**VERSES**

1. How shall we come before you? With what gifts to adore you?
2. This is what the Lord asks you. Only this will remain true.
3. People, lift up your voices; by your actions make choices.
4. On this planet of plenty, lives and futures lie empty.
5. Gather, sisters and brothers; gather, fathers and mothers.
6. Bread of life will be broken; word of hope will be spoken.

1. Will our sacrifices please you? What should we bring today?
2. What is good has been explained to you; listen again today.
3. In this time, the only time we have, show us the way to live.
4. In this world, the only world we have, show us the way to live.
5. In this place, the only place we grow, show us the way to live.
6. In this sacrament of endless care, show us the way to live.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO

\(\text{D Em/D D Em/D D Em/D D Em/D D}\)

\(\text{(kbd)}\)

REFRAIN

\(\text{Act just - ly;_}\)

\(\text{G/D D Em/D D}\)

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Em Bm G D/F# Bm F#7 Bm

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3. choic es. In this time, the on - ly time we have,
4. emp - ty. In this world, the on - ly world we have,
5. moth - ers. In this place, the on - ly place we grow,
6. spoil - ken. In this sac - ra - ment of end - less care

G G/B Asus4 A

1. What should we bring to day?
2. Lis - ten a gain to day.
3. show us the way to live.
4. show us the way to live.
5. show us the way to live.
6. show us the way to live.

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Composer Notes

Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855) said that the saint is someone whose life is about one thing. In the thirteenth century, Meister Eckhart wrote, “a just person is one who is conformed and transformed into justice.” Mildred Nevile, MBE (1927–2012), to whom this song is dedicated, was General-Secretary of the Catholic Institute for International Relations for 18 years. Her leadership inspired a generation, forged policy and led to new development directions for international aid agencies, bringing about change from Latin America to South Africa. Her faithful friendship to so many of us remains a treasure.

The piece may be sung in different ways, with verses as printed, or with the chorus repeated as an SATB chant when on the move. The trumpet part for this piece is a tribute to my much-loved uncle, jazz trumpeter, artist and teacher John McAndrew (1937–2012), whose way of life inspired us with joy. His New Orleans-style funeral was led by a jazz band of his friends through the streets of Wakefield, followed by many hundreds of people whose lives he had touched.
ACT JUSTLY

Refrain

Act just ly; love ten der ly.

Walk, walk hum bly with your God.

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day?
4. On this plan et of plen ty, lives and fu tures lie emp ty. In this world, the on ly time we have, show us the way to live.
5. Gath er, sis ters and broth ers; gath er, fa thers and moth ers. In this place, the on ly world we have, show us the way to live.
6. Bread of life will be bro ken; word of hope will be spo ken. In this sac ra ment of place we grow, show us the way to live.

6. end less care show us the way to live.

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