Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

INTRO  Quasi marziale (\dot{=} ca. 94)

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
2. Be Christ’s hands, now reaching out to all.
3. Live your life with care for the oppressed.

VERSES 1-3  (first verse unison)

1. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
2. Be Christ’s voice, inviting with his call.
3. Strive for peace, that all are truly blessed.

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1. Christ in our hearts, may we show God’s love to the world, to the
2. pow’red with his strength, may we spread God’s grace through the world, through the
3. dark-ness sur-rounds, may we shine God’s light on the world, on the

F Dm7 G7

C/E F6 G7

Am

G G7 C/E Am7 Dm7 G7 C F/C C

1. world, may we show God’s love to the world. (to the world.)
2. world, may we spread God’s grace through the world. (through the world.)
3. world, may we shine God’s light on the world. (on the world.)
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VERSE 4

4. Strong in faith, we know the task ahead: hands must  

4. bake and serve the daily bread. Using our gifts, with  

Dm7 Gsus4 G C/E  

Am C/E - - - -
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4. joy in our hearts, may we be God’s presence in the world, in the

F Dm7 G7 C/E F6 G7 Am

4. world, may we be God’s presence in the world. (in the world.)

G G7 C/E Am7 Dm7 G7 C F/C C
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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C/E F6 G7 Am G G7 C/E Am Dm7 G7 C F/C C

VERSES

C

Dm7

Gsus4

G

C

1. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord____ Go in peace: become the living Word!____ Christ on our lips and

2. Be Christ’s hands, now reaching out to all____ Re: Christ’s voice, inviting with his call____ Filled with his joy, em

3. Live your life with care for the oppressed____ Strive for peace, that all are truly blessed____ When times are hard and

4. Strong in faith, we know the task ahead:___ hands must bake and serve the daily bread:___ Using our gifts, with

F

Dm7

G7

C/E

F6

G7

Am

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G

G7

C/E

Am7

Dm7

G7

C

F/C C

D.S.

(Fine)

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TRUMPET in B♭

VERSES 3, 4

Composer Notes

This song for use at the end of Mass or other liturgical celebrations is ideal when the focus is mission, stewardship, service, using gifts, justice and peace, as well as other occasions. Its first line echoes a favorite dismissal text of deacons in the 1973 Sacramentary, still in use at the time it was written. The composer delights in giving new life to this beloved text which is sadly no longer included as an option in the revised Roman Missal.

Originally written as a recessional song for Mass at the end of a meeting of the Portsmouth Diocesan Pastoral Council, this piece is dedicated in homage to the late Sydney Carter (1915–2004, author/arranger of “Lord of the Dance”) since it imitates some aspects of his characteristic English folksong style.

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1. Christ on our lips and Christ in our hearts, may we
2. Filled with his joy, empowered with his strength, may we
3. When times are hard and darkness surrounds, may we
4. Using our gifts, with joy in our hearts, may we

1. Show God’s love to the world, to the world,
2. Spread God’s grace through the world, through the world,
3. Shine God’s light on the world, on the world,
4. Be God’s presence in the world, in the world,

1. May we show God’s love to the world.
2. May we spread God’s grace through the world.
3. May we shine God’s light on the world.
4. May we be God’s presence in the world.

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