

# God's Holy Ways Are Just and True 663

1 God's ho - ly ways are just and true, his prom - i - ses are ev - er  
 2 Bring back to mind his grace and love, our needs pro - vid - ed from a -  
 3 Tell once a - gain his deeds of old, the sto - ry of our might - y

new: O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Let ev - ery heart with prais - es  
 bove: O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! He kept his word and Je - sus  
 God: O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! For all his glo - rious works and

sing and make this house with voic - es ring: O praise him, O  
 came to make a peo - ple for his name: O praise him, O  
 ways we shall re - joice through end - less days: O praise him, O

praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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# Alleluia, Thanks Be to God

Songs of Praise

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, thanks be to God.

Descant—second time

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, thanks be to God.

# Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G)  
B $\flat$

(D)  
F

(Em)  
Gm

(Bm7)  
Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)  
E $\flat$

(G)  
B $\flat$

(Am7)  
Cm7

(Dsus) (D)  
Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)  
B $\flat$

(D)  
F

(C)  
E $\flat$

(Bm)  
Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

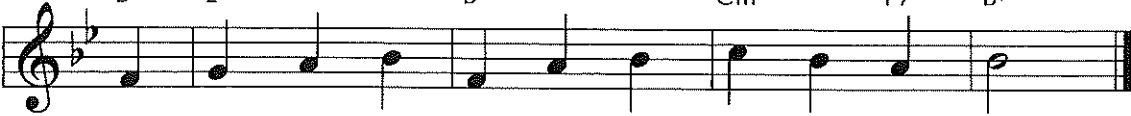
(G) (C)  
B $\flat$  E $\flat$

(G)  
B $\flat$

(Am)  
Cm

(D7)  
F7

(G)  
B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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The Church of Christ  
Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.  
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.