

We Celebrate with Joy this Day

Celebrating thirty years of service to God, The United Methodist Church,
and The General Board of Discipleship, by MaryJane Pierce Norton, July 1, 2011

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first six lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the soprano and a bass clef for the alto and bass parts.

1. We cel - e - brate with joy this day the years of min - is - try,
2. Your word pro - claimed with strength and power by those who hear your call;
3. In times of hard - ship, toil or pain your Spir - it keeps us strong;
4. For - give us when we fail, O Lord, your pur - pose to ful - fill.
5. We give you praise, O might - y God, for years in ser - vice spent,
6. To Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

ac - com - plished in the name of Christ by this, your fam - i - ly.
your gra - cious love so free - ly given is free - ly shared by all.
and in those times of joy and peace, your good - ness is our song.
Trans - form our fail - ures in - to zeal to seek and do your will.
for saints be - fore and saints to come, and all their lives have meant.
all wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry be for all e - ter - ni - ty!

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