

God Has Work for Us to Do

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The Asbury Memorial UMC Choir sang this song for the offertory during our worship service on Sunday, August 20, 2017. Our guest speaker was the Reverend Sharon Washington Risher, whose mother, two cousins, and a childhood friend were among those killed June 17, 2015, at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still.
In classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street,
in every place where people thrive, or stave, or hide, or meet.
God has work for us to do.

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands.
By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!