

Will you stand with me?

Written by Silvia Purdie for Bishop Justin Duckworth

Note: When Justin became Bishop of Wellington he proclaimed the theme of 'Being Family' as an initial priority for the church. He also confronted with Diocese with the tough realities of being a church in decline, and called us to renew our commitment to grow as disciples of Christ, centred in worship.

This song is a little tricky, but I hope it's worth persevering with.

Once you know it, it can rock along at a good pace.

Today is a wonderful day,
Though storms they are heading our way.
Whatever the weather
God brings us together.
Just listen, you'll hear Jesus say ...

**Will you stand with me,
Be a family?
In the bonds of affection,
The arms of connection,
In love we are held and free,
In love we are held and free**

There's plenty of work to be done.
There's always more races to run.
There's seed to be sowing,
The challenges growing,
We just cannot do it alone.

Crack open the wine to be shared
And bring out the baskets of bread.
In Christ we are known,
Our hearts overflowing,
As into the world we are led.

Will you stand with me

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E C#m A B C#m A

To - day is a won der ful day, though storms they are head ing our

5 B A G#m F#m

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8 G#m B4 G#7 D A F#m

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13 E A B4

ly? In the bonds of affection, the arms of connec tion, in

16 A/C# B/D# A B E

love we are held and free, in love we are held and free.

Verse 2: There's plenty of work to be done.
There's always more races to run.
There's seed to be sewing,
The challenges growing,
We just cannot do it alone.

Verse 3: Crack open the wine to be shared
And bring out the baskets of bread.
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Though storms they are heading our way.
B A
Whatever the weather
G#m F#m
God brings us together.
G#m B4 G#4
Just listen, you'll hear Jesus say ...

D A F# E
Will you stand with me, be a family?
A

In the bonds of affection,
B

The arms of connection,
A/C# B/D#

In love we are held and free,
A B E

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