

# Church

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Well I went to church last Sunday, so I could sing and pray

    But something quite unusual happened on that day

The church it started right on time, just like it does without a doubt  
And everything was all just fine except when it came time to let us out

    You know the preacher, he kept preaching

    He told us, "I have one more thing to say

        Children before you think of leaving

    You better think about the Judgment Day"

    And now, now everyone got nervous

        Because everyone was hungry too

        And everyone was wondering

        What was the next thing he would do

    And the, the preacher, he kept preaching

    He said, "Now I'll remind you if I may

        You all better pay attention

        And I might decide to preach all day"

    And now everyone was getting so hungry

        That the, the old ones started feeling ill

        And the weak ones started passing out

    And the young ones, they could not sit still

        And the, the preacher's voice rose higher

        I snuck up on the balcony

    And I crept into the choir and I begged them

        Brothers, sisters, help me please

        I said, "When I give you a signal "

        I said, "When I raise up my hand

        Won't you please join with me?

    Together and praise the Lord, I have a plan"

        And the preacher he kept preaching

        Long is the struggle, hard the fight

    And I prayed, Father please forgive me

    I stood up and with all my might I sang

        To the Lord let praises be

        It's time for dinner now let's go eat

    We've got some beans and some good cornbread

        I listened to what the preacher said

        Now it's to the Lord let praises be

        It's time for dinner now, let's go eat

        Yes and I did give a signal yes

And I raised up my hands  
Joined with me the choir  
Yes every woman, child, and man they sang  
To the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
We've got some beans and some good cornbread  
I listened to what the preacher said  
Now it's to the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
And the preacher, he stopped preaching  
And a hush the church did fill  
And then a, a great white dove from up above  
Landed on the window sill  
And the dove flew down beside him  
And a, a fork appeared right in his hand  
And with everybody watching  
Preacher ate that bird right there and then

And now everyone got really nervous  
And the preacher he did start to glow  
And as we watched on in disbelief  
These were the words he spoke  
He said, "Now mama's in the kitchen  
She's been there all day  
And I know she's cooking something good  
So bow our heads and pray and he sang"  
To the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
We've got some beans and some good cornbread  
I listened to what the preacher said  
Now it's to the Lord let praised be  
It's time for dinner now, let's go eat  
And the moral of this story  
Children it is plain but true  
God knows if a preacher preaches long enough  
Even he'll get hungry too and he'll sing  
To the Lord let praises be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
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