

A Gift for the Altar

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A D A D A D

1. Jane has a gift ___ for the al -
 2. Bob has a gift ___ for the al -
 3. We have a gift ___ for the al -

7 A F#m C#m

- tar. ___ She brings peace she has found, ___ peace to pass ___ all a - round, ___ sweet
 - tar. ___ He brings cour - age and trust ___ that the world ___ can be just, ___ good
 - tar. ___ We bring all we can give ___ all the days ___ that we live, ___ these

13 D E A Bm

peace, God's peace for the al - tar. ___ But she comes ___ with her lo - ver to ho -
 faith, God's faith for the al - tar. ___ But he's ne - ver been shy a - bout who ___
 lives, our lives for the al - tar. ___ Will the al - tar stand emp - ty? The church

19 F#m D A

- nor the day. ___ The ___ church in its fear ___ turns the wo - men a - way.
 ___ shares his life. ___ The ___ ring on his fing - er is not ___ from his wife.
 ___ must de - cide. ___ With our heads bowed in prayer ___ and lift - ed in pride

24 E F#m F#m/E D C#m

___ Late at night, ___ they join hands ___ and in sad - ness they pray ___ that the
 ___ The cold - ness they show ___ him cuts deep as a knife, ___ and he
 ___ we have light ___ for the world ___ that can - not be de - nied. ___ Yes, the

29 Bm D E A **Chorus**

doors of the church ___ will be o - pened And the One who is
 leaves through the doors ___ still un - o - pened But the One
 doors of the church ___ will be o - pened For the One

34 E D F#m

o - pen - ing ___ doors all the time ___ in our hearts ___ and our minds ___ and our souls

39 E A E

___ can be heard ___ to say, Love one a - noth - er ___ as I have loved you ___ For my

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45 F#m D A E C#

love is the grace at the heart of the Word. In you Word we a-bide.

50 F#m E A C# F#m

In your love we re-main. But the doors closed a-round us cause ang-

55 E D A E F#m

- uish and pain. So be-fore them we wait, hum ble hearts at the gate,

60 C#m D A C#m D Bm 4th Time

with the ho-ly de-mand that they o-pen, o-pen, till all of God's

66 1, 2. E A D A 3 E A D A D.S. al Coda

chil-dren are wel-come. chil-dren are wel-come And the One

72 E A D A

chil-dren are wel-come