

# Lyle Lovett, Church

(Lyle Lovett)

I went to church last Sunday  
So I could sing and pray  
But something quite unusual  
Happened on that day

Now 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

Now everyone got nervous  
Because everyone was hungry too  
And everyone was wondering  
What was the next thing he would do

And the preacher he kept preaching  
He said now I'll remind you if I may  
You all better pay attention  
Or I might decide to preach all day

And now everyone was getting so hungry  
That the old ones started feeling ill  
And the weak ones started passing out  
And the young ones they could not sit still

And the preacher's voice rose higher  
So 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  
And then 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  
And 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

Yes and I did give a signal  
Yes and I raised up my hands  
And then joined with me the choir  
Yes every woman, child, and man  
They sang

To the Lord let praised be  
It's time for dinner now let's go eat  
We've got some beans and some good cornbread

And I've 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 preacher he stopped preaching  
And a hush the church did fill  
And then a great white dove from up above  
Landed on the window sill

And the dove flew down beside him  
And a fork appeared right in his hand  
And with everybody watching  
The 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 in disbelief  
These were the words he spoke

He said now Mama's in the kitchen  
And she's been there all day  
And I know she's cooking something good  
So let's bow our heads and pray  
And he sang

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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

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