

## Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Dec 31st 2015

I on this, the last day of the year, have written a song reflecting on the year 2015 and what we must do in 2016. The song is based on the lessons for today and the Pope's Encyclical "Praise be to you, my Lord." I'll be working out the tune on my guitar but think this song needs to be played on a large pipe organ. We have one at my church, so pray that I can talk the organist into doing it. If so, I will record it and make it available on my web-site when I can.

Chorus:

"Children, it is the last hour".  
Yet there is so much work to be done!  
We have the knowledge and we know the truth.  
So we must continue the work God's begun!

Verse 1:

Our work is to praise, our work is to sing  
Unto the Lord a new song  
Announce the healing of salvation  
And right the way of the wrong.

Verse 2:

The wrongs done to the seas and all within  
Harm that's been done to the plains  
Suff'ring and injustice to people  
Poison that falls in the rain.

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Verse 3:

The Lord comes to rule the world with justice  
He gives us his pow'r to be  
As all things through Him become life  
Through him and with him we're free!

Verse 4:

We who see the glory, the grace and truth  
Know the fullness we all receive  
Grace in place of grace through Jesus  
He gives power to all those who believe.

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