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Celebrating ministry

Music Water of Tyne
Northumbrian Traditional

D A G D Em A G A

10 D Bm D G D A

16 G D D A D A

Between verses

A Hymn Celebrating Women in Ministry

WRITTEN TO COMMEMORATE THE MINISTRY OF ELLA GORDON
[Tune: The Water of Tyne]

This day as we gather to celebrate here
the service of one who was called on to share
in the task of God's ministry, serving this place,
we rejoice that God fills those he calls, with his grace.

As Martha and Mary first heard Jesus' call,
then Dorcas and Lydia who worked beside Paul,
and Julian and Clare, helping others to see
that together we all share in Christ's ministry.

We give of ourselves to God in all we do,
as we listen, and share hospitality too,
to pray and to preach some are chosen and sent,
so our work and our worship become sacrament.

To God, our Creator, we now dedicate
as a symbol of service and commemorate
the work of these women, in offering all;
in the strength of the Spirit, we respond to Christ's call.

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