

1 In hum - blest house - holds here be - low
 2 The Church, God's house - hold, is on earth,
 3 The gol - den chain of house - hold love
 4 De - scend, O Lord! Thy house - hold bless,

var - i - ous grades of ser - vice grow;
 blest pri - vi - lege of heaven - ly birth!
 links saints on earth with saints a - bove;
 Keep it in con - stant god - li - ness;

one bond of good u - nites al - way
 O shine up - on Thy house - hold, Lord!
 these, seek - ing 'til Thy house - hold, Lord!
 Pro - tect, de - fend, their la - bors cease,
 and set it free,

though some com - mand and some o - bey;
 Ful - fil the pro - mise of Thy word,
 those, pray - ing in per - pet - ual peace:
 from dan - ger and ad - ver - si - ty:

each serv - ing in ap - poin - ted round
that all its mem - bers aye may be
their la - bors, search, and prayers are one,
quick - en to works, through Christ made meet,

a min - i - ster of God is found.
ves - sels of hol - i - ness in Thee.
ha - sten the king - dom of Thy Son.
to lay be - fore the Mas - ter's feet.

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