

Community of Christ

for the Diocese of Brentwood
(Racial Justice Sunday)

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Descant by Craig Kingsbury

Shirley Erena Murray

INTRO (♩ = ca. 96) **VERSES**

Descant

Melody

Keyboard

4. When men - ace melts a - way, _____

1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who
 2. (Com) - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look
 3. (Com) - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through
 4. (When) men - ace melts a - way, so

D G A Em F#m Em A6 Bm Bm7

4. _____ God's _____ will be done, _____ the

1. make the Cross your own, live your creed and risk your
 2. past the Chur - ch's door and see the ref - u - gee, the
 3. whom the word must sound - out for jus - tice and for
 4. shall God's will be done, be - mate of the world be

Em A6 F#m Bm A G A D

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4. world at peace in Christ its Sun; our cur-ren-cy love

1. life for God a - lone: the God who wears your face, to
 2. hun - gry, and the poor: Take hands with the op - pressed, the
 3. peace the whole world round: dis - arm the pow'rs that war and
 4. peace and Christ its Sun; our cur - n - cy be love and

Em Bm A Asus4 A F#m Bm

4. and our

1. whom all worlds be - long, whose chil - dren are of
 2. job - less in your street, take towel and wa - ter,
 3. all that can de - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and
 4. kind - li - ness our law our

C Am7 D A 1-3 Bm G D/F#

1. ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry song. 2. Com -
 2. that you wash your neigh - bor's feet. 3. Com -
 3. tears of an - guish in - to joy. 4. When

G A Bm G Asus4 A D G/D A/D Em/D A Bm

Final

4. food and faith be shared for - ev - er -

Final

4. food and faith be shared as one for - ev - er -

Final

D G D G A F# m G Asus4 A

4. more.

4. more.

D G/D A/D Em/D Asus4 A D

A6 A/D D/F# Em/G G/D

X O X X O O O O O O O X X O O O

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 96)
 D G A Em

VERSES
 A Bm Em *A6 Bm *Bm7

1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who
 2. ni - ty of Christ, look
 3. (Com) - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through
 4. (When) men - ace melts a - way, so

Em *A6 F#m Bm G A G A D

1. make the Cross your own, at your creed and risk your
 2. past the Chur - ch's door and see the ref - u - gee, the
 3. whom the word must sound - cry out for jus - tice and for
 4. shall God's will be done, the cli - mate of the world be

Em ** Bm D Em Asus4 A

1. life for God a - lone. the God who wears your
 2. hun - gry, and the poor. Take hands with the op -
 3. peace the whole world n - eed. our arm the pow'rs that
 4. peace and Christ its our cur - ren - cy be

F#m Bm C Am7 D Em/G A 1-3 Bm G D/F#

1. face, to whom all world - ly power is given, whose chil - dren are of
 2. pressed, the job - less in your street, take towel and wa - ter,
 3. war and all that can de - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and
 4. love and kind - li - ness our lay - our

G A Bm G Asus4 A D G/D A/D

1. ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry song.
 2. that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 3. tears of an - guish joy.

Em/D A Bm **Final** D G D G A F# Bm

2. Com - 4. food and faith be shared as one for -
 3. Com -
 4. When

G Asus4 A D G/D A/D Em/D Asus4 A D

4. ev - er - more.

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*When guitar accompanies without keyboard, these chords can be placed on the previous beat (third of measure), and
 **G (on beat 3) can replace Bm.

Assembly Edition

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

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1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your
2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the Chur - ch's
3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must
4. When men - ace melts a - way so shall God's will be

1. own, live out your creed and risk your life for God a -
2. door and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the
3. sound—cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world
4. done, the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its

1. lone: the God who wears your face, to
2. poor. Take hands with the op - pressed, the
3. round: dis - arm those who sow's that war and
4. Sun; our cur - rency be love and

1. whom all worlds be long whose chil - dren are of
2. job - less in your land and wel - fare,
3. all that can de - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and
4. kind - li - ness our law, our food and faith be

1. ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry song.
2. that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
3. tears of an - guish in joy.
4. shared as one forever - more.

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Composer Notes

The diocese of Brentwood in Essex is a large and diverse group of parishes, both inner-city and rural. It is blessed with many cultures, many races, many opportunities. I was invited to write a hymn for the diocesan celebration of Racial Justice Sunday. The intention was to unite everyone in one common mission. For the text of this hymn I chose the powerful words of Shirley Erena Murray for they are an uncompromising call to action. “Live out your creed and risk your life for God” is her challenge. This is how our faith becomes real, when we live it out collectively. The Scriptures tell us that the kingdom of God is not just words, it is power (1 Corinthians 4:20).

Whether singing in cathedral or canteen (cafeteria), keep the tune joyful and rhythmic, full of energy and life. Teach it simply, with voice alone (singing to “la”). The accompaniment can be grand or simple. The keyboard part moves along harmonically, with strong movement—purposefully. If you’re accompanying with organ, register creatively and build to the end, to the final “forevermore!”. When accompanying with guitar on its own (which can be just as effective), you might want to adapt or simplify the chord progressions.

—Bernadette Farrell