As Christ Is for Us

Assembly, Descant, Two-part Choir, Keyboard, Guitar, and Solo Instrument in C

Janet Sullivan Whitaker

INTRO ($q = 110–118$)

Keyboard

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§ VERSES

**Melody**

1. In the bread we share with the hungry, in the help we give to the poor.
2. May the bread we share give us courage to restore the earth in this time.
3. May the bread we share keep us mindful and the fruit of the vine make us one.

**Harmony**

1. give to the poor, in the kindness we show to the stranger we find Christ the open door.
2. earth in this time. For the sake of our children’s design.
3. vine make us one. Let the whole human family to heed the cry of our island home.
REFRAIN

Descant (final time)

We a - rise each morn - ing, as

So we rise with him each morn - ing, and we work, as

C F G C

work we must, to be Christ,

work we must, to be Christ for

F G Am F
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Christ for others as Christ is for us, ________

C Am F E7 Am G

to Coda

Christ for others as Christ is for

to Coda

F G/F C Am Dm G to Coda

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And as we care for each other, so must we care for our home:
air that we breathe, waters that run,

BRIDGE

As Christ Is for Us
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flowing with life for the good of all.

Em Am Dm C/E Dm Em F F/G

CODA

us.

C Am F C Am

F G C F/C C F/C C

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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VERSES

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So we rise with him each morning, and we work, as work we

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must, to be Christ for others as Christ

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E7  Am  G  F  G/F  C  Am

is for us, to be Christ for others as

Dm  G  C  F/C

Christ is for us.

BRIDGE

G/B  Am  F  C  C/B  F

And as we care for each other so must we care

Dm  G  E7  Am  F  G

for our home: air that we breathe, waters that run,

Em  Am  Dm  C/E  Dm  Em  F  F/G

flowing with life for the good of all

CODA

C  Am  F  C  Am

us.

F  G  C  F/C  C  F/C  C
Composer Notes

One of the joys of serving as a parish director of music is writing music for the community. Each community has its own charism and its own unique voice, resonating from within the walls where the faithful gather for liturgy.

While touring the parish grounds of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon, California, the pastor took me to see the worship space where I was about to begin work in my present ministry position. As we made our way into the dark church, I was profoundly taken by the brief, bold mission statement so beautifully stenciled on the overhead cornice of the vestibule: “To Be Christ for Others as Christ Is for Us.”

From the moment I was greeted by these words, I knew I wanted to hear the community sing them. Within a few years, this song was born. It was immediately taken up with great love by the community and is now sung quite often in their celebrations. It is an effective song for gathering or sending forth, and has been sung at parish missions, meetings, workshops, retreats, and most celebrations of the sacraments of initiation.

I will always be grateful for the community that welcomed my efforts to set this statement to music, and I am inspired by the fervor with which they sing it.

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Verses

1. In the bread we share with the hungry, in the help we give to the poor, in the kindness we show to the stranger we find Christ the open door.
2. May the bread we share give us courage to restore the earth in this time. For the sake of our children’s design, let us honor God’s ancient design.
3. May the bread we share keep us mindful and the fruit of the vine make us one. Let the whole human family to heed the cry of our island home.

Refrain

So we rise with him each morning, and we work, as work we must, to be Christ for others as Christ is for us.

Bridge

And as we care for each other so must we care for our home: air that we breathe, waters that run, flowing with life for the good of all.

1: to Verse 2
2: to Bridge

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