

Hymn: TLUS 23 – For Everyone Born

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Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann's wonderful hymn of inclusivity is given a passionate performance by Chris Tsujiuchi, Stewart Adam McKensy, Elena Juatco, and Evangelia Kambites, accompanied on piano by the arranger of this new version, Adrian Marchuk. This recording was made for Windermere United in Toronto to celebrate Pride 2020.

For Everyone Born (A Place At The Table)

- 1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.*

- 2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. R

- 3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. R

- 4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. R

- 5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. R

Service of the Table

Invitation to Communion:

We rejoice in the God of life who gives us bread,
the fruit of the earth worked with human hands,
and who makes it into the bread of life.

**We rejoice in the God of life who gives us wine,
the fruit of the vine tended with daily care,
and who puts the flavour of the new world into it.**

As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine – into a visual

symbol for us –

may our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world. (Germany)

Words of Remembering:

Remember Jesus, the friend of sinners,
who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widows, orphans.
Remember Jesus, the one disliking of the common structure and power.
Remember Jesus, the one sharing of daily food in life.
Remember Jesus, the one liberating from a dictator.
We remember your suffering, Jesus, at your Last Supper. (Korea, adapted)

Prayer of Consecration:

You emptied yourself completely,
keeping nothing for yourself.
Now, naked, utterly stripped,
you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us
and as wine that consoles us.
You are Light and Truth
You are the Way and the Hope
You are Love. Grow in us. (Guatemala)

Sharing of the Elements:

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow.
Gathered, they are broken again
and scattered throughout the city to make bread.
The bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment.
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered, and some becomes Christ's body broken
for us
as we are the people of God scattered through the city and, perhaps, broken to give
nourishment to others. (South Africa)

**We receive this bread, broken, scattered, and made whole. We drink this
cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

Distribution of the Elements:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Choir is invited down first. Any who wish to remain seated for communion are served. You are invited to come forward for communion, standing in groups of 6 or so at the front. Hold your bread and cup as you are served, then you will be invited as a group to consume the elements together. When you are ready you may return to your seats and the next group will come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the

earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen. (*Mexico, grace contributed from an orphanage in Colima, may not be the original source*)

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