

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker is a lifelong music minister for the Diocese of Oakland. In addition to her work as a composer and recording artist, Janèt is a dynamic cantor, pianist, arranger, percussionist, workshop presenter and retreat leader. For almost two decades, she has served on the catechetical music staff for the One Bread, One Cup Summer Liturgical Leadership Conferences at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Southern Indiana. She holds a BA in music from California State University, Hayward (CSUEB), and a master of theological studies from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

Her most beloved songs are “In Every Age,” “Here at This Table,” “The Least of These,” “Christ Before Us” and “Day of Peace.” She has three solo collections of liturgical music, including *Tryin’ to Get Ready* (for Advent), *These Forty Days* (for Lent) and *Land of the Living*.

*This Place of Perfect Peace*, features music from her years with One Bread, One Cup. Her most recent collection *Plenty* brings a message of hope to people struggling with depression or anxiety and allows us all to celebrate God’s many graces. She recently collaborated with fellow composers on *Our Common Home*, a collection inspired by Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* encyclical, offering timely music touching on themes of care for creation, poverty and solidarity.

Janèt presents workshops on cantor dynamics, lector formation, parish repertoire, song of the assembly and keyboard improvisation.

Currently residing in Hayward, California, Janèt serves as full-time director of music and liturgy at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in San Ramon.