

Human Rights Eucharist

On the night before he was captured,
Jesus shared his freedom with his friends.
A Passover Meal
A Seder plate
Shared in peace and freedom.
Shared in comfortable illusion.

For he was not free
As we are free
To worship as he wished.

For he was free
As we are not free
To vision the Kin-dom of God

And so we gather today
To celebrate Christ's freedom.

We gather from all the world
For we are free to move.

We gather in our own communities
For we are not free to move.

We gather, safe and secure,
For we are protected by law.

We gather in fear and insecurity
For we are persecuted.

We gather, and call for change,
For we may speak freely.

We gather, and ask others to call for change
For we may not speak freely.

[Silence]

Jesus took a piece of bread
Gave thanks to God for his humanity
and broke it, as,
in the morning,
his body was broken,
tortured
and left to die
without a fair trial.

Take, eat, this is my body

Remember me
Remember all the nameless ones
Remember those who share in my pain
Remember those who cannot eat
Remember me

And live

[Share bread]

After supper, he lifted a cup
A cup of wine,
red like his blood
red like the scars of his whipping
red like the thorns of his crown
red like the ground
at the foot of the cross

Drink this all of you, this is my blood
Sealing my promise
Sealing my life
Sealing your life
Sealing your right to be human
Sealing my promise

Drink this, and live.

[Share wine]

You have fed us
and nourished us
challenged
and encouraged us.
You have called to live
and to love.
Send us out
with joy
with singing
in step with your Spirit
to share universally,
your human rights
in all their fullness
Until the end of the earth
Amen.

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