

## 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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