

Taste and Experience and Know

A Liturgical Drama for Communion

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The setting is a normal communion service. No props or scenery are needed, apart from the normal communion table and elements. The characters are deliberately unidentified, and are intended to be timeless representatives of all who remember Christ through the sacrament. It can be helpful, in the light of this, to use a man and a woman, rather than two characters of the same sex, although this is not necessary. The congregation also participates, which draws them into the drama, and a deeper experience of the sacrament.

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Woman: Do you remember that night?

Man: Somehow it seemed colder; darker . . .

Woman: The betrayal! It was the night He was betrayed!

Man: I'll never forget . . . His friends, His church, with Him at the table.

Woman: He picked up the loaf. "This is My body, broken . . ."

Man: *(Reading from the Bible, Mt.27:28-31 – The Message)* And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then, they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. Then when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Woman: ". . . broken for you." *(turning to the man and offering him the bread)* So take, eat and remember.

Man: *(Receives the bread, and then offers a piece to the woman)* Not just remember. Taste and experience and know. *(She takes and eats the bread.)*

People: ***Jesus, we remember You in the breaking of the bread. Thank You that in receiving we taste and experience and know.***

Man: After the meal, He raised the cup. "This is My blood, given . . ."

Woman: *(Reading from the Bible, Jn.19:32-34 – The Message)* Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Man: ". . . given for you." *(turning to the woman and offering her the cup)* So take, drink and remember.

Woman: *(Receives the cup, and then offers it to the man)* Not just remember. Taste and experience and know. *(He drinks from the cup.)*

People: ***Jesus, we remember You in the cup. Thank You that in receiving we taste and experience and know.***

Man: In this bread, in this cup, we remember His life laid down and taken up.

Woman: And in this remembering, He comes to us again.

People: ***Nothing we have done can make us deserving or disqualified to come and share in Your meal. We are here because of what Jesus has done. As we receive may we taste Your intimacy, experience Your passion and know Your love for us. Amen.***