



Episode 17: We Remember

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. "

{ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 }

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

In the tradition of the church this day is when we recall the institution of the Eucharist. Earlier in the day we had the Chrism mass, so we're recalling not just the institution of the Eucharist, but really the institution of priesthood. Our priests rededicate themselves to that precious service being in persona Christi for us, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist.

They've been faithfully doing that without us being there with them to celebrate over these past couple of weeks. This evening, as we begin the great three days of remembering, there will be weary priests faithfully celebrating alone the breaking of the bread, our memorial of the Lord's supper so beautifully captured in our second reading for the day.

So however you celebrate Triduum tonight, we are remembering together. In the breaking of the bread, we remember the one whose body is broken for us all.

On the night before He died
He took the bread in His holy hands
blessed the bread and broke it
and gave it to His friends, as he said

Do this in memory of me,
this is my Body, given for you.
Do this in memory of me,
take it and eat it,
Remember me: Remember me.

On the night before He died
He took the cup that was filled with wine
gave thanks to His Father
and gave it to His friends, as he said

Do this in memory of me,
this is my Blood, poured out for you.
Do this in memory of me,
take it and drink it,
Remember me: Remember me.

So each time we eat this bread
and every time we drink this
proclaim your death Lord Jesus
until you come again, for you said

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How can you remember the Eucharist
when we are distant from it in person?