

BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD

for S.A.B. or two-part mixed voices,*
accompanied

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Thoughtfully (♩ = ca. 72)

3

p unis.

SOPRANO
ALTO

BARITONE

Be known to us

Thoughtfully (♩ = ca. 72)

ACCOMP.

4

in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part.

* Two-part mixed voices should omit the alto part. Also available for S.A.T.B. voices, No. 5855.

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7 *cresc.* *mp*

Re-main with us, O Lord, and spread Thy ta - ble in our

cresc. *mp*

cresc. *mp*

10 *mp*

heart. Lord, sup with us

mp

13

in love di - vine, Thy bod - y and Thy blood. _____

16 *cresc.* *mf*

That liv - ing bread, — that heav'n-ly wine be our im - mor - tal

cresc. *mf*

cresc. *mf*

19 **20** *With more movement (mf) unis.*

food. Hear us, O Lord, we come to Thee;

With more movement

22

and lis - ten as we pray.

mf

mf

As we par-take this

25

guide us ev - 'ry day.

bread and wine,

28

rit.

30 **Tempo I**
p unis.

Be known to us

mp

rit. e dim.

Tempo I

p

31

in break ing bread, but do not then de - part.

34 *cresc.* *mf*

Re-main with us, O Lord, and spread Thy ta - ble in our

cresc. *mf*

37 *rit.* *mf* *(Sop.) pp*

heart, Thy ta - ble in our heart.

pp in our heart.

Slower, freely

rit. *pp*

Slower, freely

The image shows a musical score for a choral piece. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 34-40) features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: 'Re-main with us, O Lord, and spread Thy ta - ble in our'. The piano accompaniment has dynamics markings 'cresc.' and 'mf'. The second system (measures 37-40) continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'heart, Thy ta - ble in our heart.' and 'in our heart.'. It includes a soprano part marked '(Sop.) pp' and dynamics 'pp'. The piano accompaniment has a 'rit.' marking. The third system (measures 41-44) shows the piano accompaniment with a 'rit.' marking and a 'pp' dynamic. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread is a Communion anthem that is especially appropriate for World Communion, Maundy Thursday, and Eastertide (in the common lectionary cycle, Easter Sunday 3, Year A). Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 116, Luke 24: 30-35, Acts 2: 36-41, and 1 Peter 1: 17-32. One basic homiletical theme is that Christ's sacrifice redeems sinful lives and assures eternal life.

In rehearsal, strive for sensitive text declamation and fluid phrasing. Encourage ensemble precision, especially in the attacks and releases, by rehearsing m. 3-10 on a liquid syllable such as "noo," constantly pulsing the underlying eighth note until the ensemble breath is uniform and the pulse is internalized. Practice singing unaccompanied the beautiful, closely-spaced harmonies in m. 12-19 and m. 34-40, removing unnecessary vibrato and matching the vowels until perfect intonation is achieved.

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