



COMMUNION ON THE MOON

Armstrong took the first step and said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

These are some of the most famous words in history, and rightfully so. But what happened shortly after that could be considered even more historical.

Shortly after the men landed, Aldrin radioed NASA and requested a moment of silence so that "each person listening in (could) contemplate the events of the last few hours."

Unfortunately, only a handful of individuals really knew what went on in those few silent moments – the pastor at Adrin's church and a small number of

NASA personnel. Why? Because the famous atheist, Madelyn Murray O'Hare, had protested the recording of those moments out of fear that what was planned might "dull the luster of (the) accomplishment".

"In the radio blackout," Aldrin wrote in Guideposts magazine in 1970, "I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit.'

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

His Witness Ministries considers this short excerpt, and the story behind it, worthy of recognition as a true example of using art as an expression of faith.

Read more about this story here:

<http://www.guideposts.org/blogs/angels-watching-over-us/neil-armstrong-and-buzz-aldrin-take-communion-moon>

http://www.cbn.com/spirituallife/inspirationalteaching/Metaxas_Moon_Communion.aspx