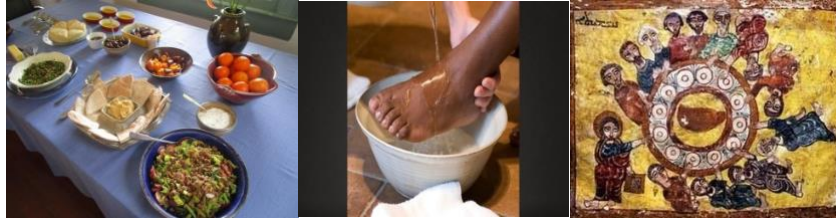


INTRODUCTION

This order of worship for Maundy Thursday is within the context of an Agape Meal to be eaten in homes with others in a congregation that joins together online from their homes.



When Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, it was in the home tradition and setting of the Passover meal. The washing of feet, the sharing of bread and wine, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus drew his friends together as host, teacher, friend, and master who was there to serve them all.

This service weaves together parts of the Maundy Thursday liturgy within the frame of the Agape Meal as outlined in the Book of Occasional Services. It includes washing of feet. Even in households of one, the rite of foot washing is an essential part of sharing the evening. We remember that we wash feet as Christ and receive washing from Christ. For those living alone, this practice of washing one's own feet in the Person of Christ is a valuable way of receiving the companionship of His Spirit in an isolated time.

To prepare your home for the service, please do the following –

- 1. Prepare a simple meatless meal to share in your home that is fitting with your own dietary requirements and Lenten fast. Please include some bread and wine or juice.*
- 2. Set your space for your meal, with a laptop or other internet-connected screen in the room where it can be visible to everyone during the meal.*
- 3. Set up what you need to wash (each other's) feet. A wash basin, a pitcher with warm water, and a few towels are sufficient. If you wish to use a bit of soap, feel free. Set a foot-washing space in the room, just a bit away from the table. Have what you need for good washing and drying of hands at a nearby sink.*
- 4. Set your table with your meal, including the bulletin. Light a couple of candles if possible.*
- 5. Be prepared to clear your table completely at the conclusion of the service.*
- 6. By 6:00 pm, please connect to the Zoom link for the Maundy Thursday and Agape Meal service. Then take your places at your table to partake in the meal and to participate as you are able in the hearing of the Word, the washing of one another's feet, the remembering of Jesus Christ's sharing of himself in the first Holy Eucharist, and readying ourselves to follow Jesus to the Cross.*

Gather in the Lord's Name

Standing as people are able,

A Hymn to Gather

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1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Opening Salutation : Grace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Collect of the Day *(adapted)*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and in instituting the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that as we gather in our households we may remember these great gifts of love by Jesus Christ our Lord, and follow his great command to love one another as he eternally loves us all; who has given himself for the whole world, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated, and let us begin our Agape Meal together.

The Agape Meal Begins

People are seated at their tables, begin to serve each other, and begin to eat.

First Reading

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

Blessing Over The Wine

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; We thank you, O our Father, for the holy vine of David which you have made known to us through your Son Jesus. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessing Over The Bread

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth. We thank you, O our Father, for the life and knowledge which you make known to us through your Son Jesus. On this night we remember his giving of himself to us as the bread of life and cup of salvation. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Conversation 1

The Gospel

John 13:1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are

clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

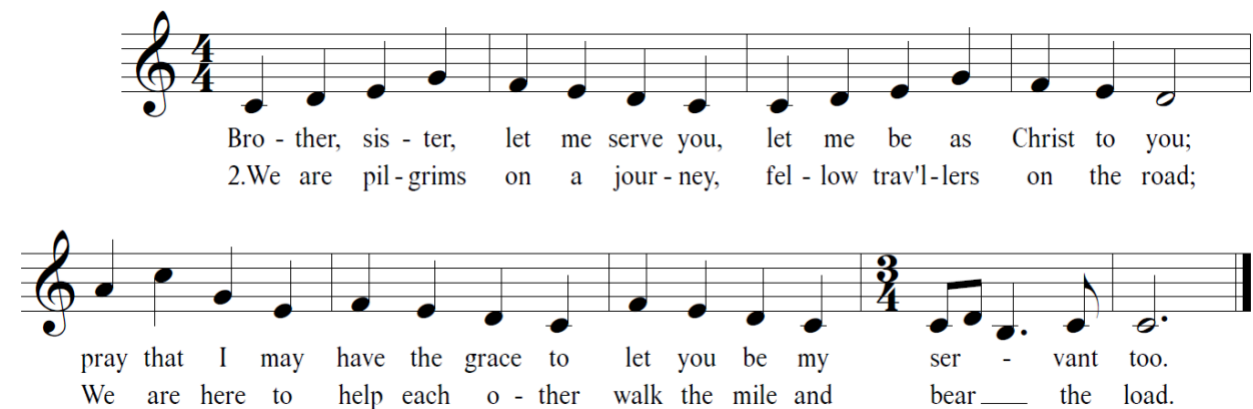
After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Conversation 2

Invitation to Foot Washing

People in their homes move back from their tables to wash each other's feet. During this time, hymns or songs may be sung and music may be played. At some point during footwashing, the following anthem is sung.



Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'lers on the road;

pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
We are here to help each o - ther walk the mile and bear the load.

V 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

V 4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

V 5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

V 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Officiant

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Intercessions

People then join in prayer. Prayer is offered with intercession for

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission

The Nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

The Peace (*bidding peace to one another online and in households*)

Cleaning of Tables

People clear their tables completely, in silence.

Mark 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Officiant: Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray

*People: **Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray***

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you O Lord*

give heed, O Lord, to my cry.

Let your ears consider my cry*

The plea I make for mercy.
If you should keep account of what is done amiss*
who then, O Lord, could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you*
therefore you shall be revered.
I wait for you Lord with all my soul*
and in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for you, O Lord*
more than watchers long for the morning
more than watchers long for the morning.
Wait in hope for the Lord, for with the Lord there in love unfailing*
and with the Lord there is ample redemption.
The Lord will redeem you*
from all your many sins.

Infinite, intimate God;
this night you kneel before your friends and wash our feet.
Bound together in your love,
trembling, we drink your cup,
and watch, and pray.

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray

Officant: May the Spirit be your constant companion as you watch and pray in our Lord. Amen.

Chant

Stay here and keep watch with me, the hour ____ has come. Stay

here and keep watch with me. Watch ____ and pray.

Please depart in silence.