



We welcome all.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 9, 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Introduction to Maundy Thursday

Things to prepare

- Copy of liturgy (on NDPC website or all-church email)
- Empty bowl and pitcher (or cup) of water
- Towel
- Bread (or crackers or anything made from wheat/grain)
- Cup of wine or juice
- Journal and pen/pencil
- Computer/tablet/phone with Vimeo or Facebook link to tonight's worship

How to Participate in this Service.

- The liturgy is designed for you to do alone or with those with whom you are sheltering. We estimate that this service will take approximately 30 minutes, including reflection time. If you are joining your parish by Zoom for discussion after the liturgy, allow at least an hour to complete the liturgy before the scheduled call. If you are not participating in a parish gathering, feel free to participate in the video liturgy at any time on Thursday.
- Watch the video. Pause the video each time you come to reflection questions. Answer them either in your journal or as a family. Take as much time as you need before you re-start the video. Use the questions in **Bold Green for family friendly language**.
- You are invited to sing along with the music while washing feet or let it provide a background for your reflections after each movement.
- Complete the entire liturgy on your own, including the celebration of communion.

Let us worship God!

Foot Washing

One evening, a long time ago, the disciples of Jesus gathered together in the city of Jerusalem to prepare for Passover. They stayed together in a rented "Upper Room." The night before Passover began, the disciples gathered for dinner. As they reclined at the table, Jesus surprised them all. He got down onto the floor and took a position as their servant.

Reading (John 13)

Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel. He came to wash Simon Peter, who said to Jesus, 'Lord, are *you* going to wash *my* feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know what I am doing now, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will

never wash *my* feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash your feet, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, then wash not my feet only but also *my hands and my head!*'

If we are to share in the life of Jesus, we, too, will wash and be washed.

Instructions for washing

If there is more than one of you:

- Gather chair, basin, pitcher of water, and towel.
- The washer kneels in front, and supports the back of the calf of the person being washed, holding one foot over the empty bowl. Pour warm water over the foot so that the water falls into the bowl. Dry the foot with a towel. Repeat for the second foot.
- The same pattern can be taken to wash hands instead of feet.
- Imagine the presence of Christ washing your feet (hands) during the ritual act.
- Imagine your hands are the hands of Christ as you wash another person's feet (hands).
- The person who was washed may put their socks and shoes back on, and the person who washed becomes the one who is washed, until all have been washed.
- Pitchers and basins may be emptied and filled as needed.

If you are alone:

- Sit in a chair. Put the empty basin on the floor beneath your feet or on a table if you are washing your hands.
- Imagine the presence of Christ washing your feet (hands) during the sacrament.
- Pour water gently over feet (or hands) so that it falls in the bowl.
- Dry your foot (hand) with a towel.

MUSIC

Ubi caritas

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

Before you continue this liturgy, we invite you to reflect on these questions, either conversation with those who are with you or by personal journaling.

- What feelings did you experience when you washed someone's feet?
- What feelings did you experience when your feet were washed by someone else?

- Foot washing is God’s love made visible and experiential. Where, in your life, is love made visible for you?

Child-friendly questions:

- WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO WASH SOMEONE’S FEET?
- WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO HAVE YOUR FEET WASHED?
- JESUS SAID “I LOVE YOU” by WASHING FEET OF HIS FRIENDS. WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD’S LOVE?

When you have answered the questions, you may return to the liturgy.

The Table

Reading (John 13):

While at the table with the disciples,

Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘I tell you with all certainty, *one of you* will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, unsure of whom he was speaking. Simon Peter asked him, ‘Lord, *who* is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do....’ After receiving the piece of bread, Judas immediately went out. And it was night.

As the music plays, we invite you to reflect on these questions, either conversation with those who are with you or by personal journaling.

- Jesus was “turned in” by Judas, one of his close friends. Have you had an experience in which someone close to you hurt you? What does it feel like? What did you feel like doing in response? What did you do?
- Have you ever hurt someone close to you? What did you do? Do you remember why? How did that person respond?
- SOMETIMES FRIENDS OR FAMILY HURT US UNINTENTIONALLY. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN SOMEONE HURTS YOU?
- SOMETIMES WE HURT OTHERS. DESCRIBE A TIME YOU HURT SOMEONE. WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO REALIZE YOU HURT THEM? HOW DID THEY REACT? WHAT DID YOU DO TO ADMIT YOUR WRONG?

When you have answered the questions, you may return to the liturgy.

Reading (John 13):

Jesus said,

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the crowds, now I say to you, “Where I am going, you *cannot* come.” But I give you this new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. When you do this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus answered, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.’ Peter said to him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ Jesus answered, ‘*Will you* lay down your life for me? The truth is that before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.’

We invite you to reflect on these questions, either conversation with those who are with you or by personal journaling.

- What do you make of Peter’s earnest declaration, “I will lay down my life for you”? Can you remember a time when you made a commitment that you later found was too difficult? What happened? How did you feel?
- Jesus tells the disciples to love one another. How does this commandment meet your life right now? How are you being called to love in this season of your life? Whom? What blessings or challenges are evident in this particular call to love?
- **WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PROMISE YOU MADE AND TRIED TO KEEP?**
- **JESUS SAYS “LOVE ONE ANOTHER.” HOW DID YOU SHOW LOVE TO SOMEONE TO DO? WHAT MADE IT HARD TO SHOW LOVE TODAY?**

When you have answered the questions, you may return to the liturgy.

Communion

John’s gospel is unique when it comes to Jesus’ last meal with the disciples. In each of the other three gospels, there are specific words spoken—words that have become so familiar to Christians over the centuries that many of us believe we can’t have “true” communion without these words.

But in John’s gospel there is no “Jesus took the bread and broke it,” and no “do this in remembrance of me.” There is just a meal: bread, wine, olives, a table, candles, a pitcher of water. And at this table are Jesus and his friends, and they are talking about love.

MUSIC

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: G, C, Am, D, Bm. Lyrics: Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and; Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

System 2: Chords: Em, Dsus, D, G, D. Lyrics: nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread; nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

System 3: Chords: Em, Bm, C, Dsus, D, G. Lyrics: drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst." drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Instructions for communion:

- *Take up the bread that you have prepared. If you are with others, share it so that each person has a piece. Eat it.*
- *Take up the drink that you have prepared. If you are with others, share it so that each person has a cup. Drink.*
- *As you eat and drink, do so in the presence of Christ.*

When all have received the bread and cup, pray:

Post-Communion Prayer

**Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that does not die,
for peace you bring which the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
for the shared mission of justice
and for making us your own body.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
a will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Holy Week continues:

Good Friday, April 10 (online)
Easter Sunday, April 12 (online)

Eat This Bread:

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