

Maundy Thursday



THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

What You'll Need

- Simple dinner (vegetarian preferred), bread, and wine
- Candles for the table
- Water, a bowl, and one clean towel for each person
- This worship booklet

Maundy Thursday Dinner Liturgy

Concerning the Service: The family, or those participating in the service, gather in one place in the house. It is appropriate that this service be held around a dinner table, as Jesus dined with his friends on the night before he died. Because this is a Lenten liturgy, the meals should be simple. A meatless meal is preferred; bread, wine, olives, soup, and cheese are appropriate. The table should be set with candles that are lighted to signal the beginning of the service. Have an empty bowl, pitcher of warm water, and one towel for each person at the ready before the start of the service. The prayers, blessings, and readings can be divided among those participating.

The candles are lighted to signal the beginning of the service.

Service of the Word

Leader: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Leader: Splendor and honor and kingly power.

Response: Are yours by right, O Lamb that was slain.

Collect for Maundy Thursday

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14a

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read together or responsively

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever
I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Mother Chris Brannock

The Foot Washing

You are encouraged to wash the feet of the people in your household, as Christ commanded. If you are alone, wash your own feet, knowing that the saints and angels surround you as you do. If you are connected to another person by phone or computer, pray aloud for them as they wash their feet, and ask them to pray for you.

Leader: Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Remember his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The people wash one another's feet, or their own feet. You are encouraged to pray silently or aloud for the person whose feet you are washing, and for those who are physically absent.

Maundy Thursday Litany

Leader: 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 for you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Response: 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.

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

Response: 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.

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

Response: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Agape Meal

Bread and wine (or nonalcoholic alternative) and food is served to each person at the table. The following prayers can be led by different people around the table, on the phone, or over video chat.

Blessing Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Blessing Over the Other Foods

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The gathered people then enjoy a meal together. At the end of the meal, the liturgy concludes with the clearing of the table and In Monte Oliveti.

Clearing of the Table

After the meal, the table should be cleared quickly and quietly. Save the dishes until after the service. The candles should be extinguished, and those gathered should return to the table in silence.

Those who have dined then recite the following

In Monte Oliveti

Leader: On the Mount of Olives our Lord Jesus Christ prayed to the Father:

Response: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. The Spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Leader: Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.

Response: The Spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The service ends in silence, without a dismissal.