



MAUNDY THURSDAY
HOME LITURGY
April 9, 2020

*This liturgy can be a part of mealtime, or used as a standalone table service.
We encourage you to follow along with the online worship service posted on the
church website for music and worship leadership.*

Suggested items to have at home:

Candle and match to light it

Bread and wine/juice

Bible

GATHERING

Introduction: We are used to being together in person to celebrate communion, but during this time when we must remain apart, we share this meal trusting that God's love and promises will find us where we are, uniting us as one body across all space and time.

And so the table in your house is part of a much larger table which extends to every place that faithful people gather around the world. It is God's table, and all are welcome to eat from it. Though we gather virtually, there is nothing virtual what God is doing in this meal –

God's grace becomes tangible in our eating and drinking, a sign of God's care for you in body and soul.

We gather this night in the presence of God
Creator of the heavens and earth.
We gather this night in the presence of God
Made known in time and place—human sojourner.
We gather this night in the presence of God
Spirit of life and community.

We invite you to light a candle at home.

This is a night to remember.
We remember the meal Jesus shared with friends and disciples.
We remember God's covenants across the ages.
We remember the mandate to love one another as Jesus' covenant is
proclaimed in broken bread and cup outpoured.
We remember Jesus alone in the garden in prayer.
We remember as a community the call to walk with Jesus.
This is a night to remember.
We remember this night the life and ministry of Jesus, and God's presence in
Christ with us then and with us now.

We pray: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your beloved, Jesus, established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus, the anointed, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God through the ages of ages. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORD

Exodus 12:1-14

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.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

For 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.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

Homily

Watch the online worship service for Pastor Brad’s Homily

With a holy mandate to love one another as Christ has loved us, let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all creation so beloved by God.

God of compassion – you came into the world showing us what true love looks like: acts of service toward others. We give great thanks for those whose vocations are a daily calling into this work, especially during this time of pandemic. We pray especially for those who work in senior care facilities and nursing homes, hospitals and clinics. We pray for first responders and emergency workers, teachers and those in the food industry, delivery drivers and maintenance workers. May we see in this time of chaos the ways in which we rely on community, and may we learn to hold one another with value and respect. Hear us O God, your mercy is Great.

God of every hour – you seek to meet us in our everyday lives, from mundane tasks to monumental moments. In this time where many of us are staying home alone or with our families, bless us with a vision to see your presence among us. As you promise to show up in ordinary bread and ordinary wine, you are present with us in every ordinary moment of each day. Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

God of all people, we pray for those who are experiencing many losses of COVID 19. We pray for our immigrant neighbors unable to access support resources, and those living in poverty with already limited forms of assistance now cut short. We pray for youth who are soaking up the anxiety of their parents and we pray for our elders who are fearful of how this virus is spreading. You know the worries that rest on our hearts, O God – receive them from us now and transform our worries into peace. Amen.

MEAL

Gathered with friends and family around an ordinary table, Jesus celebrated a meal.

Jesus took bread and wine, common food and drink, and blessed them. Tonight we take ordinary elements and bless them at our tables. Though we are apart, we share a meal together.

We remember that on this night in which Jesus was betrayed and handed over to the Roman soldiers, he took bread, blessed, it and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And after supper he took the cup and blessed it, giving thanks. He gave it for all to drink saying, "Take and drink, this is my blood shed for you."

Remembering the meal that Jesus shared, these gifts are offered to God's people.

Together we pray the words Jesus taught his disciples saying,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

This night take time to bless your bread and cup, the very things that feed and nurture you. Celebrate the gift of family and friends; and share the food that is provided.

Communion is a gift we receive, and so we do not serve it to ourselves.

If you are with others, serve one another saying, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

If you are alone, hear my words proclaiming the good news to you: "This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Come, let us share the feast that makes us one.

SENDING

Receive this blessing: May God bless us with strength, with hope, and love this night—as we are met by the servant Christ who offers himself for us and calls us to be servants to one another. Dwell richly in the promises of God. Amen.

