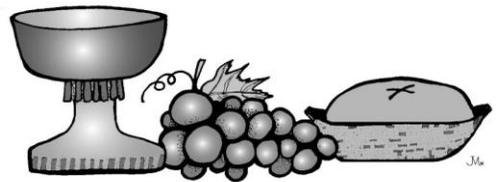




Maundy Thursday
at Home
April 9, 2020



This booklet contains options for you to use as you celebrate Maundy Thursday at home.

- The prayers, readings and hymns are intended to be used in the setting of your evening meal on this holy night when in a special way we remember how Jesus with his disciples in the upper room ate a last meal together.
- Please read the instructions in italics before you begin to use this guide, as they offer you many different choices depending on your circumstances. You may wish to include the ritual washing of feet or hands, if so the service begins with that on page 3.
- If you do not wish to include foot washing, please begin at the bottom of page 5 with the candle lighting, but remember to include the passage from John as one of the later readings.
- Many of the prayers are optional as are all the hymns.

Should you have young children, you will find a Holy Week coloring book as part of your packet.

FOOT OR HAND WASHING

‡ *Set out a bowl and pitcher of water, and a clean towel. Then together pray this prayer.*

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

‡ *Read this reading from the Gospel of John; assigned for Maundy Thursday it tells how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave us a new commandment that we should love one another. It is from the Latin for commandment, 'mandatum', that the name 'Maundy' is derived.*

JOHN 13:1-17,31B-35

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

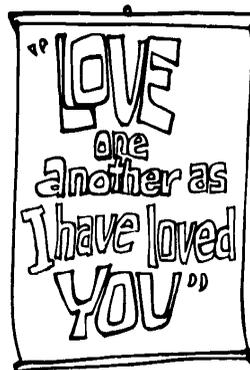
Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

‡ *Remembering how Jesus washed his disciples' feet, you may wash your feet or hands, or the hands or feet of others. Afterwards you may say this prayer together*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we also do for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign for ever. Amen.



‡ You may also sing the following:

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

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

The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics underneath. The second system also has two staves with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,' and 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' There are some musical markings like a '3' above a triplet in the second system.

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PRAYERS AND READINGS TO BE USED WITH YOUR EVENING MEAL

‡ When you gather for your evening meal, if possible light a candle or two, these can be original or battery operated. When the candles are lit have all say the following prayer together

Almighty and most merciful God, as we light these candles, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡ If you wish you may sing the following hymn

HYMN 25

The Eighth Tune

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

‡ If there are children present you may wish to use the following prayer

JESUS PREPARES A TABLE

(from Common Prayer for Children & Families by Jennifer Gamber & Timothy J.S. Seamans)

God of love and welcome,
as Jesus prepares a table for us,
let us prepare a table for others,
sharing our food, stories and lives
as one body, one spirit in Christ. Amen.

‡ COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY *this collect may be said*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **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 always 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.

‡ *One or any combination of these prayers may be used as appropriate*

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.**

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.**

OVER THE OTHER FOODS

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.**

READINGS

‡ *The following readings are those assigned for Maundy Thursday. It is recommended that these are read, possibly during your meal if there are enough family members present, if then read them not before or after you have eaten. If you do not participate in foot washing, remember to include the passage from John as the last reading.*

‡ *The first reading, taken from Exodus, tells part of the story of the Passover. If there are children present it might be helpful to explain a little more of the story.*

EXODUS 12:1-14

Reader A Reading from the book Exodus.

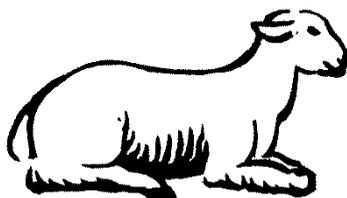
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a 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.
People **Thanks be to God.**



‡ *The second reading is from Paul's' first letter to the church in Corinth. It tells how at the Last Supper, Jesus shared with that he was giving himself for us, saying that we are to remember him with, and in, bread and wine. We know this as the Institution of the Eucharist.*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

‡ *At the conclusion of your meal you may wish to use these prayers.*

Leader In the power of the Spirit let us pray to God
through Christ the Savior of the world.

Leader Loving God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. In this time of crisis we pray for our leaders. Gracious God, hear us

All **and humble us.**

Leader On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church and the world. In this time of pandemic, we pray for all who are sick, for their families, friends, and for all caregivers, and first responders. Gracious God, hear us

All **and unite us.**

Leader On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Gracious God, hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

Leader On this night, he commanded his disciples to love but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Gracious God, hear us

All **and fill us with your love.**

Leader On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us

All **and give us your peace.**

Leader On this night, we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Gracious God, hear us

All **and welcome all your children into paradise. Amen.**

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

After the Maundy Thursday service, it is the custom to prepare the church for Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the days when we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and his time in the tomb. This ritual is known as the Stripping of the Altar. Holy oils are removed from the Aumbry (a cabinet in the sanctuary wall), and any Reserved Sacrament is taken to a place of rest outside the church, and laid on what is known as, the Altar of Repose. All hangings, linens, books, candlesticks, and any portable decorations or ornaments are removed by the clergy and members of the Altar Guild. Crosses are veiled in black. In places where the altar is made of marble or stone, the priest may wash it with water and wine, symbolizing the washing of Jesus' body. Sometimes a large wooden cross is placed before the altar. Once this is all completed, the empty sanctuary becomes a representation of the tomb in which Christ will be laid.

This year we are unable to gather together to watch and participate in the stripping of the altar, but you may wish to prepare for Good Friday by meditating on the ritual and on Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane, by reading the following scripture, singing the Taizé, and reading Psalm 22.

MATTHEW 26:36-47

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."

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 No - ho pu, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray
 pu - le, watch and pray.
 kiai a pule.

PSALM 22

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
 and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
 by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
 they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
 scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
 they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
 let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Homily

Tonight we enter into what has to be the most mysterious time of the Church Year; we begin what we know as the Triduum. Three days that begin with foot washing, a commandment and a meal, culminating in the Resurrection of our Lord. The Resurrection, glorious, wondrous, awesome, mysterious, and holy, it might be said to be just a little beyond our knowing and not your average everyday experience. Tonight, despite the order to shelter in place, despite that fact that we cannot gather together in person in our beautiful church, we are still called to participate in something much more concrete, something we should have no trouble understanding. It is a meal, supper with friends either in person or in spirit.

Throughout his ministry Jesus ate a lot of meals, mostly with his friends. He ate with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, with tax collectors and sinners, at wedding banquets, with his disciples, and on the hillsides with thousands of other folk. But tonight's meal is something special. As Anglicans we often speak of our theology as being Incarnational, where God took upon God's self human form, coming and living among us, living as one of us, both fully human and fully divine. Tonight the everydayness of sharing a meal with friends, reminds us of this basic characteristic of our Christian faith.

But just in case we are led astray, thinking that Jesus was just a regular guy at dinner, we should remember his life on earth and just how countercultural, how out of the norm for his time, he was. From his birth in a stable, to his death on the cross, Jesus lived his life outside the box. If his life were a coloring book, none of the color would be inside the lines. His disciples must have found his way of living challenging, for it was so far beyond their way of thinking, and with their seemingly naïve assumptions about God, he must have found them narrow minded and legalistic, with no vision of the future, despite him constantly speaking with them about these things.

It is challenging to live as Jesus calls us to live, challenging for the disciples, challenging for us, caught up as we so often are in the language and maintenance of control even in these times. Personally and nationally our motto often seems to be "my way or the highway", we like all our chosen colors to be firmly restrained within the lines.

For us tonight's meal, the Last Supper, is a symbol of Jesus' life, a symbol of the countercultural character of his life and his mission. For in instituting the Eucharist, the sacrament of his body and blood, he shows us the true meaning of his death and resurrection. The breaking of the bread and drinking of the wine are an expression of the new world, the new realm that comes into being when Jesus is most powerless. When amidst his devastation, in the face of oppression and evil, he shows us the meaning of justice and truth and love, his death bearing witness to the power of evil in this world, his Resurrection witness to God's triumph over evil, death and the grave.

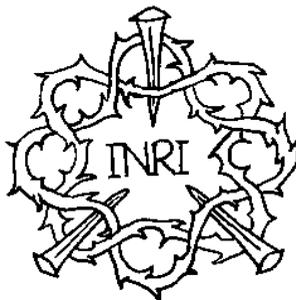
For it is in the blessing, breaking and sharing of the bread and in the drinking of the wine, Jesus gives us his life. We eat his body and we drink his blood and his life is in us, we become one with him. This Eucharistic meal so simple, but so eloquent, is for us a reminder of all the meals that Jesus has eaten with friends, with sinners, and with those who would do him harm. It prefigures the meals he eats with the disciples after his resurrection, and all the meals he eats, and will eat, with us. It is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that awaits us.

And so tonight, while we cannot we gather together in person to celebrate this meal, and to hear his command “do this in remembrance of me”, we must remember that in our homes he is present with us in spirit. We must remember that as we eat our evening meal, on this particular night, this holy night, he is present with us, reminding us, demanding of us, that we become like him, that we follow him, living outside the box, coloring outside the lines of our lives. His presence reminding us to care for the sick, the poor, and the hungry, to protect those who, in these times, need protection, and that includes each one of us. Jesus reminds us to forgive those who need our forgiveness, as we work toward healing, peace and equality. The *mandatum*, the new commandment given to us on this night, calls us to make ourselves open and vulnerable, to care for and love all of God’s people, as we ourselves are loved.

The bread that is taken, blessed, broken and shared, the wine that is sipped, the body and blood of Christ awaits us, yet still this night, we must think on this simple meal, this wondrous gift, the gift of life outside the box, color outside the lines, the gift of love that was, and is, and ever will be, so very freely given.

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