

WORSHIP AT HOME FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9, 2020

If you are unable to join us for live-stream worship, you may want to use this order of worship at home!

GATHER & PREPARE

Set the table with your best. Prepare a meal, and keep it warm.

Light a candle in the center of your table, to represent the light of Christ shining into your home. Gather your family, whether in person or in thought, around your table.

ONE: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

ALL: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 13:1-11

As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, all now wash their hands with soap and water.

THE SUPPER

Serve the meal, praying a blessing over it before you eat.

You may use whatever prayer is familiar to your family, or sing the one below.

Enjoy the meal together!

Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in Paradise with thee. Amen.

AFTER THE SUPPER

When the meal is finished, clear the table of everything but the Christ candle and a Bible.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 13:10-17

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ONE: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE *Share signs of Christ's peace with those around the table.*

A TIME OF PRAYER *Invite those with you to name their concerns and their joys, then lift these up in prayer together. You may want to close with the Lord's Prayer.*

BENEDICTION: JOHN 13:33-35

You may let the Christ candle burn all evening, as a sign of keeping watch with Christ.

A Prayer for Bedtime:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.