



Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad we can worship together today. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Cathedral staff in this uncertain time.

Worship for Maundy Thursday

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his friends. The washing of feet, the sharing of a meal, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus sat at the table as host, teacher, friend, and Savior who was there to serve them all. During this extraordinary time that requires us to practice physical distancing in order to help protect one another, and especially the vulnerable among us, from the rapid spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, we are separated from one another physically but not in spirit. Jesus is present at our tables, and we are present at his.

Remember the words of Christ, who said, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This liturgy is created in two parts: Agape Meal and Foot washing. Choose one or both whichever works for you. Most importantly, choose what works for you. Our desire to please God does indeed please God.

Create a sacred place in your home by gathering for a meal. The following includes prayers and readings. There is music and a meditation by The Reverend Katie Bradshaw on our website that you may include in your observance. You may want to have a basin for washing feet (your own or another).

However you choose to remember this day, remember the words of Christ, who said, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

A Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *(adapted)*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and in instituting the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that as we gather in our households we may remember these great gifts of love by Jesus Christ our Savior, and follow his great command to love one another as he eternally loves us all; who has

given himself for the whole world, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessing Over the Food

Blessed are you, Holy God. You have blessed the earth to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen 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 meal begins. After a time the following may be read.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 22:7-18

The Day of Unleavened Bread came, the day the Passover lamb was butchered. Jesus sent Peter and John off, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us so we can eat it together.” They said, “Where do you want us to do this?” He said, “Keep your eyes open as you enter the city. A man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him home. Then speak with the owner of the house: The Teacher wants to know, ‘Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’ He will show you a spacious second-story room, swept and ready. Prepare the meal there.” They left, found everything just as he told them, and prepared the Passover meal. When it was time, he sat down, all the apostles with him, and said, “You’ve no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. It’s the last one I’ll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God.” Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, “Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I’ll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The meal continues. After a few minutes, another passage may be read.

A Reading from Exodus.

Exodus 12:1-14a

God said to Moses and Aaron while still in Egypt, “This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Address the whole community of Israel; tell them that on the tenth of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one lamb to a house. If the family is too small for a lamb, then share it with a close neighbor, depending on the number of persons involved. Be mindful of how much each person will eat. Your lamb must be a healthy male, one year old; you can select it from either the sheep or the goats. Keep it penned until the fourteenth day of this month and then slaughter it—the entire community of Israel will do this—at dusk. Then take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which you will eat it. You are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire, that night, along with bread, made without yeast, and bitter herbs. Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water; make sure it’s roasted—the whole animal, head, legs, and innards. Don’t leave any of it until morning; if there are leftovers, burn them in the fire. And here is how you are to eat it: Be fully dressed with your sandals on and your stick in your hand. Eat in a hurry; it’s the Passover to God. I will go through the land of Egypt on this night and strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, whether human or animal, and bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am God. The blood will serve as a sign on the houses where you live. When I see the blood I will pass over you—no disaster will touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. This will be a memorial day for you; you will celebrate it as a festival to God down through the generations, a fixed festival celebration to be observed always.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The meal continues. After a few minutes, the following prayers may be said.

The Prayers of the People

Christ Jesus, our Eternal Priest,
Give us a heart to love and to serve you.

You went up to Jerusalem to share the Passover meal,
Help us to share your love with others.

On the cross you stretched out your arms
Help us to reach out to the poor and frightened.

Inspire us to love our neighbors
That we may walk before you with a perfect heart.

Renew the lives of those who seek to know you,
Send forth your power to every corner of the earth.

Watch over those who are in any need or trouble,
Make us ever mindful of the needs of others.

Give your light and your peace to your Church on earth;
And your pardon and rest to the faithful departed.

Set before us once more this day your passion and cross,
That we may greet with joy the day of your resurrection.

God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he revealed your love, blessed us with acceptance, and opened to us the gates of reconciliation. May we who share Christ's body also share his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens share that light with this sinful broken world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children might be free, and the whole earth live to praise your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

If you are washing feet, the following begins after the meal has ended. Music is available on the website.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 13:1-15

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was supertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal. Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came

from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, *you* wash *my* feet?” Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.” Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.” “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!” Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table. Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Wash one another’s feet, or your own, with warm water and a gentle touch to know Jesus’ love of you in our love for ourselves and one another.

Concluding Prayer

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: You feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant, Jesus; make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus, who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

or

Blessing the Bread, the Cup

Let us bless the bread that gives itself to us
with its terrible weight, its infinite grace.

Let us bless the cup poured out for us with a love that makes us anew.

Let us gather around these gifts simply given and deeply blessed.

And then let us go bearing the bread, carrying the cup,
laying the table within a hungry world.

Amen.