



## Maundy Thursday – Washing Feet - Worship @ Home

### GATHERING & PREPARATION

#### Greeting

We meet in the communion of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you:  
**The Love of God dwell in your heart.**

Tonight we commemorate the simple act of washing one another's feet in the understanding that Jesus who this night gave himself in sharing and breaking bread is betrayed. He lays aside his garment, divesting himself of status, authority, and power, becoming as one utterly powerless. As Jesus did we are also asked to lay aside who we are in this world. Any skill, any authority of office, temptations to dominate and simply asked to serve and be off service.

Let us do this for one another this night.

#### Pray together:

**Strange and disturbing Lord Jesus,  
whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair,  
you humbly took a basin and towel  
and washed the feet of your friends.  
Wash us also in your tenderness as we touch one another,  
that, embracing your service freely,  
we may accept no other slavery in your name.**

**Amen**

*(Janet Morley)*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 11-18  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### REFLECTION TIME

*(Use some time to reflect on your own understanding of service and how you can become present to people wherever you are.)*

Serving others is love made visible. Am I visible in service?  
Simple acts of kindness and compassion. What are these I do?

Putting aside own interests to notice the needs of others and to respond. What have my response been?

The gift of self. Do I give without wanting anything in return?  
This night challenges us to redirect our lives in the way Jesus taught us.

### **INTERCESSIONS**

God loves us beyond compare even in the midst of a pandemic. He gives us every good thing. Let us pray that we and all God's people everywhere receive Him for the good of all.

That all members of the church generously pour out their lives in service of others especially:

Christians throughout the world  
The Roman Catholic Church and Francis the Pope  
The Eastern Orthodox Churches and their Patriarchs and Archbishops  
The Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and Thabo, Archbishop of Cape Town  
The Anglican Diocese of ..... and ..... our Bishop  
This Parish and ..... our Rector and .....his/her Assistant Priest  
All Churches and their Ministers

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

That all may know the redeeming love of God who desires peace and a fruitful life for all especially:

The State President: Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa

The Cabinet

The Parliament

The Judiciary

The Provinces

The Municipalities

The Kingdoms and Clans

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

That those suffering in mind, body, or spirit be lifted up by the self-giving love of the risen Jesus and those who follow Him, especially:

Those infected with Covid-19 the world over

Medical Practitioners & Frontline Staff

Police, Defence Force, Security and Law Enforcement

Cashiers, Vendors, Taxi + Public Transport Operators

Cleaners, Carers

Those who have now lost their livelihoods and those who will struggle

Those who died and those who mourn

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

**Gracious God, you gave us your Son to show us the fullness of your divine love. Grant us to grow in our appreciation for the great gift of self, so that as we receive we may share through service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **THE FOOT WASHING**

*(The following equipment is needed: A large bowl, Jug of lukewarm water, large towel.  
Washing one another's feet should now take place as it is a simple act done in silence Each person,  
giving, receiving and watching.)*

### **Silence**

After the washing of feet and silence is complete:

Lord, you have declared your will  
**That we should faithfully keep your commandments**  
You have commanded us to love one another  
**As you have loved us**  
Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Lamb of God  
**bearing the pain of the world,**  
give us and all creation your peace.

When the disciples had sung a hymn,  
they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
Jesus prayed, "Abba, if it is possible,  
take this cup of suffering from me."  
Jesus grieved that his disciples,  
were not able to keep watch with him one hour.  
Jesus was betrayed by the kiss of a friend.  
Jesus was obedient even to death.

***(Hold a Vigil or depart to your places of rest in your house in silence till your Good Friday prayers)***

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