

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts



April 9, 2020  
Maundy Thursday at Home

Thursday (after sunset)

This is a service remembering and reliving the last night Jesus spent with his disciples where he sanctified a meal and washed their feet.

What you will need ahead of time:

- A prepared dinner
- Normal candles used on the dinner table
- A pitcher of water, a towel, and a large bowl or basin
- Readers: Assign readers in the family to different parts of the service.

## The Dinner

### *Light Candles*

*Say this prayer or similar prayer before the meal:*

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.

*At the end of dinner say this prayer:*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, sanctified the meal and instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may 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.

**The Reading of the Gospel** (*Read either continuous version or parts version*).

**John 13:1-17, 31-35 (Continuous version)**

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."

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## The Washing of Feet/Hands

*Introduced with the following words:*

On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such humble service. Let us all remember his example and learn to love one another as he loved us. This evening we follow his example and wash one another as a concrete expression of his love for us and our love for one another.

*Take turns washing one another's feet or hands by pouring water from the pitcher and then toweling dry.*

*Option for the musically inclined: Sing this song as others are washing*



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| 1. Peace  | be - fore us, | peace  | be - hind us, |
| 2. Love   | be - fore us, | love   | be - hind us, |
| 3. Light  | be - fore us, | light  | be - hind us, |
| 4. Christ | be - fore us, | Christ | be - hind us, |



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|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------|
| peace  | un - der our feet. | Peace  | with - in us, |
| love   | un - der our feet. | Love   | with - in us, |
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| peace  | o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | peace.  | _____ |
| love   | o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | love.   | _____ |
| light  | o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | light.  | _____ |
| Christ | o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | Christ. | _____ |

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
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6. Peace before us, peace behind us,  
peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
let all around us be peace. *(three times)*

After the washing is over say The Lord's Prayer together:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Concluding Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, as we follow in the footsteps of your Son Jesus this Holy Week, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Extinguish Candles*



## UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Good Friday Live Worship, April 10: The Stations of the Cross 7pm**

Join us for a zoom worship service, led by Rev. Paul. The room will be open for people to gather at 6:45pm. The service will start at 7pm. *For security reasons, if you arrive after the start time, please be sure to have a video link so that I can see who you are as I let you in.*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/226773898?pwd=VGxJRTN0Mm5WWjA5eE5ENmJCdXVCUT09>

### **Holy Saturday, April 11:**

Home Holy Saturday service similar to this one (but with more fire!) delivered in your email on Friday

### **Easter Day, Sunday, April 12:**

Join us at 10am for the broadcast of Easter Day celebration followed by our online coffee hour ([www.allsaintschelmsford.org](http://www.allsaintschelmsford.org))!