

Maundy Thursday

A simple liturgy with optional foot washing for the church family at home.

Maundy Thursday is a special day in which we remember the events of the Last Supper and how Jesus washed the disciples feet and gave them a new commandment of love. To help you keep this day at home you are welcome to use the following act of worship.

Before you begin you will need to gather the following items:

- A large bowl and a jug/bottle to pour water (Foot washing is optional)
- A towel (Foot washing is optional)

Where the text appears in *italic red* it is telling you what to do next

Where the text appears in black one person (the leader) reads aloud on behalf of everyone

Where the text appears in **bold black** everyone joins in together



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Everyone gathers together and spends a moment in silence before saying the following:

Through Christ let us offer our sacrifice of praise to God

All Let our lips proclaim his praise.

The leader uses this Invitation to Confession

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

A moment of silence is kept.

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**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

May God almighty have mercy on us

Forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We praise God in the words of the gloria

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Silence is kept before we pray the collect

God our Father,

you have invited us to share in the supper

which your Son gave to his Church

to proclaim his death until he comes:

may he nourish us by his presence,

and unite us in his love;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

*The leader now reads out John 13:1-17, 31-35 (if you
haven't got a bible to hand you can find the text online*

at www.biblegateway.com)

(The Washing of Feet)

*In church the vicar might wash the feet of some
of the congregation as Jesus washed the*

disciple's feet as a sign of humility and love. You may wish to wash one another's feet in your own home. This should be done simply and reverently by pouring water over another's feet and drying them with a towel.

The washing of feet may end with this prayer

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

All **Amen.**

We now spend some time in prayer together either silently in our hearts or out loud as this Holy Spirit moves us and finish our time of prayer with the following

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

We conclude our act of worship by saying the grace together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all evermore
Amen.**