

## Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021

### Words of Welcome

### Territorial Acknowledgement

### Words of Introduction and Invitation for Maundy Thursday

This is the day  
that Christ the Lamb of God  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.  
This is the day  
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
This is the day  
that Christ took a towel  
and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others  
as he has done to us.  
This is the day  
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection,  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

### Collect of the Day

O God, on the night he was betrayed Jesus washed the feet of his disciples  
and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine. May we who celebrate these signs of his love,  
serve and give ourselves to others in his name and to your glory; through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

### Readings:

John 13:1-17, 34-35  
Mark 14:12-26

### Reflection

### Invitation to Blessing of Hands

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 lowly service.  
Therefore, I invite you  
who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,  
to receive this blessing of hands,  
a remembrance and sign of how each of us is called to serve others.  
Come remembering his words  
that what will be done for you  
is also to be done by you to others,  
for “a servant is not greater than his master,  
nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.  
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

### **Blessing of Hands**

Blessed be the works of Our hands, O Holy One.  
Blessed be these hands that have touched life.  
Blessed be these hands that have nurtured creativity.  
Blessed be these hands that have held pain.  
Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.  
Blessed be these hands that have tended gardens.  
Blessed be these hands that have closed in anger.  
Blessed be these hands that have planted new seeds.  
Blessed be these hands that have harvested ripe fields.  
Blessed be these hands that have cleaned, washed,  
mopped, scrubbed.  
Blessed be these hands that have become knotty with age.  
Blessed be these hands that are wrinkled and scarred from doing justice.  
Blessed be these hands that have reached out and been received.  
Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of the future.  
Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.

*Prayer by Diann Neu from Imaging the Word: An Arts and  
Lectionary Resource, Volume 1, 1994.*

### **Song: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (Ebener United Church)**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer 6**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to glorify you, Father,  
and to give you thanks...  
...we acclaim you, and glorify your name,  
as we say,  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power...  
...this bread and this cup,  
we praise you and we bless you.  
**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy...  
...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty God and Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** We break this bread,  
**All:** **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**  
**Celebrant:** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**All:** **If we have died with him,**

**we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

**Celebrant:** These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion –**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

**Song: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (Everingham Music)**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray...

**Doxology**

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(Reminder there is no blessing or dismissal as Maundy Thursday through Easter Vigil is considered one service).*

Please us join tomorrow for the Good Friday Service, at 11 am and/or The Way of the Cross in the parking lot from 1 to 2:30pm tomorrow.