



This service is designed to be used as an extended grace during your household's dinner. While Jesus washed his disciples' feet, we are encouraged to wash our hands. While your household is washing their hands, you may wish to read this passage from the Gospel of John

5:00PM

Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-11

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."



The household should gather around the dinner table. Candles should be on the table as should food that you would like to say grace over.

The Officiant says:

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the night that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night 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 night that Christ our God gave us this holy Feast, that we who eat share this meal may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last might reign with him in heaven.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Participants are encourage to light candles at their dinner table

Let us pray

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, held on last supper with his disciples. Mercifully grant that as we may share a meal in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, we may remember His sacrifice and His rising in glory, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Luke 22:14-20

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Homily and Instructions

GRACES FOR YOUR FAMILY MAUNDY SUPPER MEAL DRAWN FROM THE EARLY CHURCH TO SAID TOGETHER

From The Didache ca 96-125 A.D.

"Almighty ruler, you created all things for the sake of your name; you gave men food and drink to enjoy so that they might give you thanks. Now you have favored us through Jesus your servant with spiritual food and drink as well as with eternal life. Above all we thank you because you are mighty. To you be glory for ever.

From The Apostolic Traditions of Hippolytus ca. 200 A.D.

If someone makes an offering of oil, ... give thanks in the same manner as for the oblation of the bread and wine. He does not give thanks with the same words, but quite similar, saying, "Sanctify this oil, God, as you give holiness to all who are anointed and receive it, as you anointed kings, priests, and prophets, so that it may give strength to all who taste it, and health to all who use it."

Likewise, if someone makes an offering of cheese and olives, ... say, "Sanctify this brought-together milk, just as you also bring us together in your love. Let this fruit not leave your sweetness, this olive which is a symbol of your abundance, which you made to flow from the tree, for life to those who hope in you."

In every blessing should be said:

*To you be glory,
Father and Son
with the Holy Spirit,
in your Holy Church,
now and forever,
and throughout all the ages of the ages.
Amen.*

Enjoy your meal. Feel free to add blessings patterned after the ancient blessings above. At the end of the meal say the following thanksgiving from the Didache.

We thank you, holy Father, for your name which you enshrined in our hearts. We thank you for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you revealed to us through your servant Jesus. To you be glory for ever.

