

Maundy Thursday at Home

St. Gregory of Nyssa



April 9, 2020
6:00 PM

Preparing Your Home for the Maundy

At the dining table (Everyone can help set a beautiful table)

- Votive or other candles.
- Wine and other beverages.
- A bread basket with your favorite bread.
- Print copies of the prayers and songs.
- A place setting for each person (use dishes that make you happy!)
- A pitcher of water, bowl, and hand towel.
- Beautiful things: flowers or greenery.

Jobs for household members (Decide ahead of time who wants to lead)

- Table host (someone to lead the service).
- Prayer leaders (one or more).
- Readers (one or more people can share the reading).

At the beginning of the Maundy (We'll all begin at 6:00 PM)

- Gather at the table.
- Don't light the candles yet!
- Stand for the opening.

Opening Greeting and Prayer

Host

Light and Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Leader (*Sing or say*)

The Lord be with you

People

And also with you

Presider

Almighty, everlasting God,
let our prayer in your sight be as incense,
the lifting up of our hands
as the evening sacrifice.

Give us grace to recognize you
in your word and sacraments,
and in the lives of those around us.

Stir up in us the fire of that love
which burned in the heart of your Son
as he bore his passion,
and let it burn in us to eternal life
and to the ages of ages.

People

Amen

Everyone takes a seat at the table.

Host

We gather to remember the night Jesus shared supper with his friends for the last time before he was handed over to death. We keep this feast the way Jesus did, welcoming everyone without exception to come and eat.

Host asks someone to *light all the candles*.
While we *light the candles* we can *sing*.

Gospel Reading One or more readers read

Reader(s)

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was suppertime. Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, was all set for the betrayal.

Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So, he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Master, you wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You don't understand now what I'm doing, but it will be clear enough to you later." Peter persisted, "You're not going to wash my feet—ever!" Jesus said, "If I don't wash you, you can't be part of what I'm doing." "Master!" said Peter. "Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!"

Jesus said, "If you've had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you're clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you're clean. But not every one of you." (He knew who was betraying him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you.") After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.

Then he said, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Master,' and rightly so. That is what I am. So, if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet. I've laid down a pattern for you. What I've done, you do. I'm only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn't give orders to the employer. If you understand what I'm telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

Host

Share a word or phrase that stands out for you in the reading.

Everyone gets a chance to share.

Blessing the Meal *Different household members can share in these prayers.*

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever.

Amen.

Over the Other Foods

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.*

Meal & Conversation

Everyone shares in the meal.

While we eat our supper, share stories about times when you had a very special meal, and what made it special for you.

Hand Washing

Host (This is an optional song for people who love to sing)
Let's sing "Jesu, Jesu."

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the
 neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and
 3 These are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our

1 friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 poor, neigh - bors are black and white,
 3 serve, these are the ones we should love,
 4 knees, serv - ing as though we were slaves;

1 mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2 neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 3 all are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4 this is the way we should live with you.

Host

John's gospel says that at his last supper with his disciples, Jesus washed their feet—a lowly servant's job, which startled them all—and then Jesus told his disciples to serve each other in the same humble spirit. Today, we are washing our hands more as a way of protecting our neighbors from getting sick. This is an important way that we show our love for each other – taking care of people who are vulnerable to disease. So, we will end the meal by washing our hands. One person can pour water over the hands of the person next to them, then hand them the towel to dry them, and so on around the table.

As we wash hands we can sing some of these songs.

melody in tenor may be sung an octave higher

U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, U-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i - bi est.

Je-sus took a tow-el and he gird-ed him-self, then he washed my feet, yes, he washed my feet.

Je-sus took a ba-sin and he knelt him-self down, and he washed, yes, he washed my feet.

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no;
Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta ren - yu.
Je - sus, we are here; we are here for you.



Je-sus took a tow-el and he gird-ed him-self, then he washed my feet, yes, he washed my feet.



Je-sus took a ba-sin and he knelt him-self down, and he washed, yes, he washed my feet.



Thu-ma mi-na, Send me Lord,

Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na So - man - dla.
Send me Je-sus, send me Je-sus, send me Je-sus, send me Je-sus, send me Lord.

Send me, Lord

Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

Hold me, Lord.

Hold me, Jesus, hold me, Lord.

Heal me, Lord

Heal me, Jesus, heal me, Lord.

Help me, Lord.

Help me, Jesus, help me, Lord.

Touch me, Lord.

Touch me, Jesus, touch me, Lord.

Send me, Lord.

Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Thuma mina.

Thuma mina, thuma mina Samandla.

When everyone has washed their hands...

Clean up

Host

Let's clear the tables. We'll say one more prayer when we're finished.

When the dining table is cleared:

Final Prayer

Prayer Leader

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People

AMEN.