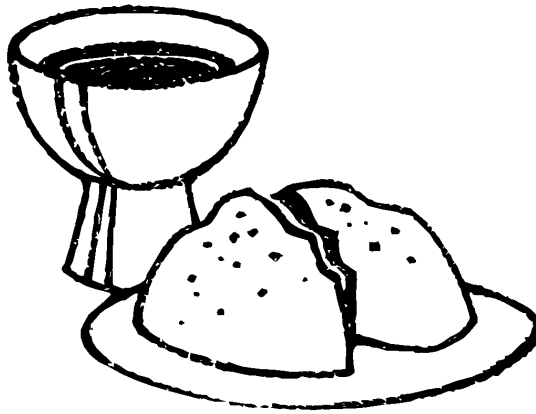


**Maundy Thursday  
Dinner and Worship**  
*April 9, 2020*



**Gathering**

*Human beings tell stories in order to make sense of the world. The Bible is a collection of stories that help us make sense of who God is, and who we are as the people of God. These stories are joyful, sad, difficult, even funny, like all the stories that matter to us. Tonight, we share stories from our faith tradition and from our lives. They all can help us see and understand how God's story is woven together with our own stories.*

***Come and gather around the table!***

**Introductions**

*We all are invited to share:  
name, area of study, hometown and a favorite snack from your childhood*

**Prayer for our meal together**

God of eternity,  
Bless all who are part of bringing our meals, from the people who raise and harvest food to those who deliver, sell, and prepare it.  
Feed our bodies, refresh our spirits and speak to our hearts and minds.  
We pray to you through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Dinner is shared!**

*As we eat dinner together, we'll share stories about meals and communities from our lives and from scripture.*

- >Will someone share a story about a meal in their first weeks on campus?*
- OR -*
- >Will someone share a story about a special meal of celebration?*

## WORD

### Exodus 12

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Consider: What do travel meals look like in your life?

>Will someone share a story about a typical, everyday food?

- OR

>Will someone share a story about food preparation since sheltering in place?

### 1 Corinthians 11

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Consider: What kind of meal does sharing bread and wine in communion feel like for you?

>Will someone share a story about a food you prepared for people you care about?

- OR

>Will someone share a story about a meal they remember fondly?

## John 13

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Consider: What do you think might serve as foot washing in today's context?

- >Will someone share a story about a holiday or special occasion practice around food?
- OR
- >Will someone share a story about friends sharing a meal?

## Reflecting Together

What has spoken to you from these various stories?

What do you notice in the stories we've shared tonight?

Where is God's story woven together with your own stories?

What other reflections would you like to share?

## PRAYERS

Let my prayer rise before you like incense, **and my hands like an evening offering.**

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God of wholeness, we pray for the sin and brokenness in our lives, asking for healing and forgiveness from our failings. Thank you for each new beginning.

*Aloud or silently, we pray for forgiveness*

God of light, we pray for all who follow you. Help us to live as your people, reflecting your love to the world. Use us to transform our communities and bring hope and love.

*Aloud or silently, we pray for the church*

God of the whole world, guide all people to care for your creation, mindful of each other. Grant wisdom to the rulers and leaders of all the nations. Lift up the most vulnerable in every land.

*Aloud or silently, we pray for the world and the nations*

God of compassion, bring healing and peace into every illness and struggle. Soothe the sick and the troubled, the hungry and the isolated, the homeless and the struggling.

*Aloud or silently, we pray for those in need*

God of stories, open our minds to see your presence and action in the stories of our lives. Show us your handwriting in each chapter of our lives.

*Aloud or silently, we ask to see God's story*

### Open Prayer – Silence

#### Lord's Prayer

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**


#### Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Let's share a sign of peace with each other.*

# Blessing


*Leader:*  *All:* 

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

  
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

  
Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

  
Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

  
all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_

*All:* 

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