



In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!

All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!

***When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.***

***Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.***

***See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?***

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!***

Here at the beginning of worship, make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism into God's name. Dip your hand in water too if you choose. Remember always: Your sins are washed away. You have the Holy Spirit. You are a child of God!

Leader: In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,

Leader: He is slow to anger,

Leader: Jesus said: "If anyone would come after Me,

Leader: Jesus was pierced for our transgressions,

Leader: The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,

All: Amen.

All: for He is gracious and merciful.

All: and He abounds in steadfast love.

All: let Him take up his cross and follow Me."

All: He was crushed for our sins.

All: and by His wounds we are healed.

Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us! **All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray a blessing on God's Holy Word:

All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(From the Bible, read John 13:1-17. If gathered as a family, consider each person read verse-by-verse.)

Think/Talk About It



1. Can you remember a time when your feet got SUPER dirty? When was that and how did it happen? What did you feel like with your feet like that?
2. Why do you think that at first, Simon Peter didn't want Jesus to stoop down low and wash his feet? Why did he believe this was all wrong?
3. Turn to Matthew 20:25-28. How does this passage help us understand what Jesus was doing when He washed His disciples' feet?
4. Jesus told His disciples that He gave them an "example" to follow. What "examples" from other people have you followed to better follow Jesus?
5. The word "maundy" means "new commandment." Look up John 13:34. What is Jesus' "new commandment" for us to follow and what are some ways we can put it into practice?

All: Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'."

All: 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.

Leader: God is good! **All: All the time!** Leader: And all the time- **All: God is good!**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!** Leader: Go in peace! **All: Serve the Lord! Amen!**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

If you choose, you can finish this service with a reading of Psalm 22 as this is the traditional conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship. Take a moment of silence after reading the passage to reflect on God's Word all Jesus has done for you.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: "STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR"

As a reminder of the suffering that Jesus endured on this holy night, take time to remove an item(s) (such as a candle, art, other decorations) from your "worship-space" in your home and lay the area bare in preparation for tomorrow's Good Friday service. After explaining the significance of this action, attempt to do it in silence.