



Every part of worship has a video, so we've gathered them [together in a play list](#). If you click on "Play All", they'll play from the beginning of the service to the end! And you can just follow along, never clicking on another link. Or you can go through clicking on all the individual links – your choice.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. During the meal Jesus took bread and wine and shared them with his disciples. Christians continue to share bread and wine as part of their worship in church. The Last Supper was probably a Passover meal – the meal which Jewish people share together to celebrate the time when God delivered Moses and the people from slavery in Egypt.

The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The normal elements of a Maundy Thursday service would include a sharing of the Lord's Supper and possibly the symbolic washing of feet – a reminder of Jesus' command to follow his example of service.

In this year of pandemic, we offer a service of confession and thanksgiving, where we remember our shortcomings and give thanks for the forgiveness and love we are so freely offered.

Prelude: Wayfaring Stranger by Joseph Shackelford

[An instrumental piece to help you get settled for worship]

John 13:1:

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving¹

Your love
flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.
Your love
encircles this world,
displays your faithfulness.
Your love
is patient and kind,
brings wholeness and true peace.
Your love
is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.
As all things pass
and fade away
love remains
eternally

¹ This evening's prayers were adapted from by John Birch's "A Liturgy for Maundy Thursday," Faith and Worship, https://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Maundy_Thursday.htm#gsc.tab=0 (accessed March 10, 2021).

John 13:2-6

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?'

Prayer of Confession:

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives

that we might declare

with heart and soul and voice

that you are our Lord and our God.

John 13:7-11

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.'

Prayer of Confession:

You call us to live your life,
follow where you have trod,
be your presence in these streets,
show compassion to the poor,
support the weak,
embrace the outcast,
bring lives into your kingdom.
Yet our hearts are troubled,
we are fearful of the task,
deafened to your promise
to be with us
wherever we might go.
Forgive our timidity,
grant us peace for the journey,
and strength for the day,
that we might demonstrate our love
in the life we live and share.

Hymn: *Lord Listen to Your Children* arranged by Kenneth Dake

[\[Click here\]](#) for a video that will give you the lyrics and someone to sing with.]

John 13:12-14

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?
You call me Teacher and Lord –
and you are right,
for that is what I am.
So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Assurance of Pardon

Your commands are not burdensome,
your way of life our example,
your footsteps there to be found.
'Love one another; care for children,
brothers, sisters and outcasts.
If you are my disciples,
then show the world,
demonstrate your discipleship
and love both lovely and unloved.
Show God's Grace to this world!
And as we open our hearts and lives,
and follow as you have shown,
others discover you through our words,
and by the life we share.
For the love you have given us,
and the blessings you have shown us,
we thank you, God of Love and Grace

John 13:15-17

For I have set you an example,
that you also should do
as I have done to you.
Very truly, I tell you,
servants are not greater
than their master,
nor are messengers greater
than the one who sent them.
If you know these things,
you are blessed if you do them.

Assurance of Pardon

You call us to love those
whom you would love,
and give us the words to say.
You call us to bring wholeness
to lives that are broken,
and give us the words to say.
You call us to bring comfort
to those who are grieving,
and give us the words to say.
You call us to bring good news
to those who are seeking,
and give us the words to say.
Your word, living water
in desert sands.
Your word, blossoming
in parched earth.
Your word, bearing fruit
wherever it is sown.

Hymn: *In Remembrance of Me* by Cheri Keaggy

[[Click here](#) for a video that will give you the lyrics and someone to sing with.]

John 13:31b-32

Jesus said,
'Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself
and will glorify him at once.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

When we walk with you,
in the light of your love,
it is your glory seen,
not ours.

When we talk of you
to those whom we meet,
It is your words that speak,
not ours.

When we minister
to people in need,
it is your hands that heal,
not ours.

When we worship you
and offer our lives,
your name is glorified
always!

John 13:33-35

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.”
I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.’

Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is love.
Not that you spoke words of comfort,
walked with the unclean and unloved,
shared wisdom, bread and wine,
brought healing into lives
and challenged the status quo.

This is love.
That you spoke the word of God,
walked a painful road to the Cross,
shared living water, bread of life,
brought Salvation to the world
and died for the sake of all.

The blessed in your eyes
are not those who have everything
but those who have nothing.

Not the rich in earning
but the rich in spending
who give their all for you.

Your ordinary saints
being your hands,
feet and words
in their ordinary lives,
doing extraordinary things for you.

The blessed in your eyes
are not those who desire honor,
but those who merely seek to serve.

Thank you for the servants in your kingdom. Amen

The 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.
Amen.

When the service is held in the sanctuary, symbols of the church are removed in silence and shadows, dramatizing the abandonment and darkness of the passion of Jesus. The sanctuary remains bare. Symbolically, Christ is stripped of his power and glory and is in the hands of his captors. The elements are restored before worship begins on Easter morning.

There is no Benediction or Postlude in this service because the events of this night do not conclude until the Easter morning celebration of resurrection. Therefore, tonight ends in a way that is intentionally unresolved, indicating that there is more to come.