

SIMPLIFIED HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

Note: Each Person has his own soap, water and towel

Song or Gloria (If Gloria, persons ringing hand bells during singing)

L Opening Prayer

O God, in the fullness of time you revealed your love in Jesus the Lord. On the eve of his death, as a sign of your covenant, he washed the feet of his disciples and gave himself as food and drink. We pray that as we remember what Jesus taught us on the night before he died, we too may love one another as Jesus loved his disciples and loves us. We pray in Jesus name who lives forever and ever.

R1 First Reading: I Cor 11: 23-26

The teaching that I gave you is the same teaching that I received from the Lord: On the night when Jesus was handed over to be killed, he took bread and gave thanks for it. Then he broke the bread and said, "This is my body; it is for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup. He said, "This cup shows the new agreement from God to his people. This new agreement begins with the blood of my death. When you drink this, do it to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show others about the Lord's death until he comes.

Sharing on Reading

Song or Psalm

R2 Gospel: John 13: 1-15

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. Jesus knew that it was time for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. He had always loved those who were his own in the world, and he loved them all the way to the end.

Jesus and his followers were at the evening meal. The devil had already persuaded Judas Iscariot to turn against Jesus. (Judas was the son of Simon.) Jesus knew that the Father had given him power over everything. He also knew that he had come from God and was going back to God. So during the meal Jesus stood up and took off his outer clothing. Taking a towel, he wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers' feet. He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Jesus came to Simon Peter. But Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You don't understand what I am doing now. But you will understand later."

Peter said, "No! You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "If I don't wash your feet, then you are not one of my people."

Simon Peter answered, "Lord, after you wash my feet, wash my hands and my head, too!"

Jesus said, "After a person has had a bath, his whole body is clean. He needs only to wash his feet. And you men are clean, but not all of you." Jesus knew who would turn against him. That is why Jesus said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and sat down again. Jesus asked, "Do you understand what I have just done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' And this is right, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash each other's feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you.

R2 The Word of the Lord Response: Thanks be to God.

Sharing on Gospel

L: Introduction to wash our own hands as a sign of solidarity with the rest of the world in respecting protocol since we what we do or not do affects others.

Hand washing: each person washes his own hands.

All: Prayers of the Faithful: (Any and all may say aloud what they wish to pray for.)

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

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.

L: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

End in silence with no blessing