

Household Prayer: Evening

God of love,
thank you for knowing us fully
and loving us to the end.
On this night of the Christian year especially,
I am grateful to be part of the community of Jesus' disciples.
Thank you for all those who handed the faith on to me,
and those who continue to teach me by example
what it means to serve you
and to serve one another.
Thank you for making a place for me at your table,
even though I fall short
of what you have called me to be and to do.
In evening's rest,
I remember that, for Jesus, no rest would come
this night or tomorrow.
Yet, in forgiveness and love,
he is with us always:
the light shining in the darkness. Amen.

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14

“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.” (v. 14)

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live. (vv. 1-2)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (v. 26)

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

“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.” (vv. 34-35)

Questions for Reflection

For Jewish people, Passover is a day of remembrance and celebration. For Christians, every Lord's Supper is also a day of remembrance and celebration. Both Jews and Christians are enjoined to hand on to the next generation what we have received from the Lord. When do you first remember receiving the Lord's Supper? What words, phrases, memories, or practices of this sacrament do you especially wish to pass on to the next generation?

Household Prayer: Morning

Each day, O Lord,
I wash my feet, my hands, and head
almost without thinking.
It is a routine of the morning,
ordinary, even perfunctory.
This morning, make me newly aware
of the water that pours out and over,
spilling in abundance,
washing me clean.
As I go through this day,
place before me an opportunity to serve someone—
family member, friend, neighbor, or stranger.
Help me bend to another's need
without seeking gain or advantage.
And, if someone should offer to serve me in some way,
give me a heart open and vulnerable enough
to receive what is offered in kindness,
all for love's sake,
which is for your sake. Amen.