

# Maundy Thursday

## All in Contemplative Service

### Prepare in advance:

- Appoint a host
- Ask six people to be the lead participants and give them the material they need (*see script below for Readings and Scripture Passages*)
- Schedule an online Zoom gathering
- Invite your congregation to the gathering, and let them know the materials they will need:
  - 1 A downloaded copy of the script
  - 2 Candle and matches/lighter
  - 3 Bible
  - 4 Bowl of water to wash hands  
OR wet cloth OR hand sanitiser
  - 5 White tablecloth/placemat
  - 6 Something to eat and drink
  - 7 A way to join your Zoom meeting



*Please ensure your microphone is muted before we begin.*



# 1. Christ Our Light

Host: Redeeming God, source of life and light,  
You made this holy night  
to shine with the brightness of Your one true light.  
Set us aflame with the fire of Your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of Your heavenly  
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Take a moment to light your own candle.  
A brief period of silence will follow*

Host: May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and mind.  
Christ, our light.

**All: Thanks be to God**



## 2. The First Passover

Host: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Participant 1: Once we were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but now we are free. We set aside this night each year to remember the great things God did for us

*Participant 2 reads the story of the First passover,  
adapted from Jesus Storybook Bible pp. 88-91  
(Exodus 11 & 12)*



# 3. Servant King

## Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Host: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Participant 3: In a world where people often focus on what is best for themselves, we set aside this night each year to remember Jesus was a servant king, and that what we do in serving others, we also do for Him

*Participant 4 reads John 13:1-17*

Host: Fellow servants of Christ, on this night Jesus set an example for the disciples by washing their feet. As a reminder, wash your hands, and remember that strength and growth in God's reign come of humble service such as His.

*All: Take a moment to wash your hands as you reflect on the image of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples*

Host: Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for You:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as You were the servant of all, and in obedience gave Your life for us.

**All: Amen**

# 4. The Last Supper

Host: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Participant 5: Once we were separated from God by our own wrongdoing. We set aside this night each year to remember the sacrifice made for us, in our place, by Jesus Christ

*Participant 6 reads the story of The Last Supper, adapted from Jesus Storybook Bible pp. 286, 292 (Mark 14:12-26)*

*All: (please unmute yourself)*

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  
The Power, and the Glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen.

Host: Christ's body was broken for us on the cross. **All: Christ is the bread of life.**

Host: His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**All: Christ is risen from the dead.**

Host: Come God's people,  
let us receive God's heavenly food.

*All: Together we feast on the food and drink we've brought while we chat together as a form of communion*