



Knox Church 9th April 2020
Maundy Thursday

5:30pm @ <https://otago.zoom.us/j/202094709>

While you can just observe, this liturgy works best if you have the following:

- A candle, match and lighter (or an electric candle)
- A jug of warm water, a large bowl, and (optional) soap
- A towel
- Flatbreads (or any bread)
- Charoset dip (or any other savoury dip)

(If you would like to make the bread and charoset from scratch there are recipes below)

Lighting of the Christ candle

Everyone lights their candles together.

Leader: Christ is the light of the world

Everyone observes 30 seconds of silence in order to gather themselves.

Leader: Today we remember Jesus sitting down to eat with his friends --
just as we are doing. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

By the Spirit he is present with us and we with him and with one another.

Jesus knew he was soon going to be with his Abba in heaven.

He loved his friends so much that he would soon die for them.

Jesus is a friend to *all* people.

Through his death, we share in his risen and abundant life with God.

Hand washing

Everyone pours a jug of warm water into a bowl.

Leader: This water is a symbol of our baptism.
We have died (*lower hands into water*)
and have been raised with Christ (*lift hands out of water*)
Jesus died for us so that we can live with him.
He is a friend to *all* people and wants us to be friends with everyone too.

Today we remember how Jesus washed his disciples' feet
as a sign of service to those he loved
Jesus was showing us what it means to be friends with someone.
It means to serve them and to love them deeply to the end --
even to humiliating and painful death on a cross.

Reader: *Read aloud John 13:1-20.*

13 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Leader: We are going to join in the story and wash each other's hands
as a reminder to serve and love each other
in the name of Christ who loved us first.

If you're tuning in with others, I invite you to wash and dry one another's hands
And as you do it to say:

Jesus loves you [name]. We love because God loves us first.

If you're by yourself, I invite you to wash your own hands.
Take your time as you're doing it.
You may like to close your eyes and imagine Jesus washing your hands.
Feel the water between your fingers washing away the worries of the day.
Work the soap into all the crevices.
There is no part of you unaffected by God's saving love.

Allow people to wash their hands.

Jesus loves each and every one of you.
We love because God loves us first.

Dipping the bread

Invite people to put the bowl of water aside and bring out the bread and dip.

Leader: After Jesus washed his friends' feet,
He shared the Passover meal with them.
It would have looked a bit like this with flat breads
and a fruit dip called *charoset*.

Today we remember that one of Jesus' friends betrayed him.
Jesus dipped a piece of bread in the charoset and gave it to Judas.
He loved Judas and still Judas betrayed him and rejected Jesus' love.

Reader: *Read aloud John 13:21-30.*

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Leader: We are going to join in the story as we eat a piece of bread dipped in the charoset.
It is a reminder that we often fail to love others as we should.
We too reject others and, when we do that, we reject Jesus.

Each person can eat a piece of flatbread dipped in the charoset followed by 30 seconds silence.

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, that you love us
even when we fail to love you and others as we should.
Through our baptism we have been made clean
and are free to love as you love!
In Jesus' name and in the friendship of the Spirit we pray. Amen.

Sending

The story does not end with Judas' betrayal.
But with Jesus' commandment to love.

Reader: *Read aloud John 13:31-35*

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Leader: So go now in peace to love one another as Christ loves you.
By this love, everyone will know that you are a disciple and friend of Jesus.
Go in the power of the Spirit, loving abundantly to the glory of God in heaven.
Amen.

Recipes

Family Friendly Flatbread Recipe

Ingredients

- 200 g ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup) flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 100 ml ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) water
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

Directions

- 1. Kids:** Place the flour and salt in a large bowl and trickle on the water bit by bit. Adults may need to measure out ingredients or supervise.
- 2. Kids:** Mix the water and flour mixture together. Doughy hands can be cleaned by rubbing a little more flour onto the hands over another bowl or the bin – resist the urge to wash doughy hands as you will block the drain!
- 3. Kids:** Add the oil and knead the dough – you are aiming for a soft dough. If it is too sticky, add a little more flour or if it is too dry, add a little more water.
- 4.** Knead the dough for 5 minutes – kids can do this in the bowl or on a clean surface using one or two hands.

You can cook the breads immediately or leave the dough to stand for 30 minutes.

This is a perfect time to make the charoset (recipe below).

- 5. Kids** (with help from an adult): Divide the dough into four to six even balls. On a clean surface, roll each ball of dough one at a time using a rolling pin (a metal drink bottle works well if you don't have a rolling pin). Sprinkle a little flour on the surface first. If you lift and turn the dough frequently, you can prevent it from sticking.
- 6. Adults:** Heat a large frying pan. Take a sheet of kitchen paper and rub a little oil onto the surface of the pan. Cook each flatbread for about 2 minutes on one side – it should puff up a little. Flip the flatbread over using tongs and then cook for a couple of minutes on the other side. The flatbread should have turned lighter in colour and may have a few spots of brown. Keep the cooked flatbreads warm, wrapped in foil or a clean tea towel, until the others are cooked.

Basic Charoset

Combine all the following ingredients and refrigerate

Ingredients

- 3 red apples, peeled, cored, and finely diced
- 1 1/2 cups walnut halves, lightly toasted, cooled, and coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup sweet red wine or grape/apple juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar