

Maundy Thursday 2020

Park Road Baptist Church

An order for a special Maundy Thursday Communion which may be celebrated on its own, or as part of the evening meal in homes on the evening of Thursday the 9th April.

You will need:

A Bible; a candle; a basin of warm water with soap and towel; a glass of red wine or blackcurrant/red grape juice or a glass of water; a bread roll, loaf, or gluten free equivalent. You may want to place an empty chair around the table to remind you that Christ is present with you by His Holy Spirit.

If you have children in the home, involve them in reading or saying a prayer. Perhaps they can draw a picture of Jesus with his twelve disciples around the supper table.

You may want to offer a blessing on them when it comes to sharing the cup.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are welcome in this home and at this table. As I/we celebrate your presence with us at all times, make us especially aware of You this evening as we remember the night on which You celebrated the last supper with your disciples, the night on which you were betrayed in the garden, the night when you were interrogated, mocked, and deserted by those you loved.

Sing or say

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy one is here

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord

the Holy One is here.

Read Luke 22 7-13

Prayer of confession:

Jesus commands us to love God with all our heart soul, mind and body.

Lord of love, where I have not loved you enough, forgive me and revive again my desire of love for you.

Jesus commands us to love our neighbours in the same way as we love ourselves.

Lord of love, where I have not loved my neighbours in the same way as myself, forgive me and help me to forgive them too.

Read John 13 1-5, 14-17

If you want to, you may slip off your shoes and imagine what it must have been like to have Jesus wash your feet.

If there are others with you at the table, you could wash one another's feet.

Either way, use the bowl soap and towel to wash your hands and know that you are loved and forgiven.

Now light the candle and sing or say:

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's son

Cleansing our souls from all their sin

Pouring your love and goodness in

Jesus our love for you we sing

Living Lord

If you are having a meal share the starter course now.

Thanksgiving

Prayer:

Eternal God, I/we praise you for your creation of the world in all its richness and glory

For your great work of redemption in liberating the oppressed

renewing the weary and forgiving the sinful

for your calling of men and women to share in the work of salvation in the story of Israel and in our story.

I thank you for.....(add your own prayers of thankfulness here)

And now I/we give you thanks for Jesus Christ our Lord,

Your word of love made flesh

Who shared our humanity and revealed your grace

I/We thank you for His lifting up of the lowly, His healing of the broken, and his death on the cross for the redemption of the world, of which this bread and cup are sign and symbol.

I/We thank you for raising Him to life and exalting him, so that we might call Him Lord and follow in his way.

I/We thank-you that even in the darkest times, I/we may know His presence with me/us, and receive the hope that He gives me/us of eternal life, now and forever.

Accept my/our prayers and thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ the light of the world, and the life of your people.

Amen

Say 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Read: Luke 22 14-19

Now take the bread roll or loaf and break it. If you are with other family members, share it around the table.

Say together "We remember you Lord Jesus"

Then continue with your meal.

When all have finished the meal, read Luke 22 verse 20.

Read Psalm 116: 12, 13

Lift the cup of wine (or juice or water)

and say

"This cup is the new covenant – sealed by Jesus' blood. I/We do this in memory of Him who loves me/us and gave Himself for me/us.

Drink, as your brothers and sisters in Christ will do together with you this evening.

And pray a blessing on any children or grandchildren present or known to you.

Prayer: (Name): The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Say: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the world

Our Father God, I/we have this evening remembered that last meal Jesus spent with his disciples before the darkness came and the events of the betrayal led to His suffering and death. I/We have celebrated your love for us and for this world in which we live. Yet all

around us there is fear and anxiety as this as yet unknown virus threatens our health and our life together.

I/We pray for those who suffer this night, those who are suddenly bereaved, those who are lonely. Those who care for the sick, with little regard for the risk they face, those who make decisions on our behalf, and those who search for treatments and vaccines. Grant them your protection, your strength, your wisdom, your hope. May this time of enforced isolation enable us all to be more aware of your love for us, more aware of our neighbour's needs, and more aware of what we can do to help.

May this Easter weekend be a time of reflection among us, when those whose faith has dimmed find deeper understanding of what you have done to bring them back to Yourself, and where those who have never understood your love, seek You and find You.

Say: Jesus said to his disciples, who were afraid and confused, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Say or sing:

Safe in the shadow of the Lord, beneath His hand and power

I trust in him, I trust in him, my fortress and my tower

Strong in the everlasting name and in the Father's care

I trust in Him, I trust in Him, who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord, possessed by Love divine

I trust in him, I trust in Him

And meet His love with mine.

Prayer as you extinguish the candle:

As evening moves to night and night to the dawn of tomorrow, keep us mindful of the events of that time of Christ's suffering and crucifixion for the salvation of the world.

In our life and believing and sharing may we experience the love of God

And on our heads and in our homes may we know the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Amen

For later this evening and throughout Good Friday you may like to read on, a few verses each hour from

Thursday evening:

8.pm: Luke's gospel chapter 22 verses 30-46.

9.pm Chapter 22, 47-53

10.pm Chapter 22, 54-62

Good Friday:

8.am Chapter 22, 63-65

9.am Chapter 22 , 66-71

10 am Chapter 23 1-12

11 am Chapter 23, 13-25

12 midday Chapter 23, 26-34

1.pm Chapter 23, 35-43

2.pm Chapter 23, 44-49

3.pm Chapter 23, 50-56

Then sing

There is a Green hill far away,

Outside a city wall

Where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all

We may not know, we cannot tell

What pains he had to bear

But we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there

Oh dearly dearly has He loved

And we must love Him too

And trust in His redeeming blood and try His works to do.