

Agapé for Maundy Thursday

You may like to share these words as part of a meal today. Jesus broke bread with people in many different ways, to include them in the fest of the Kingdom of God.

Giving Thanks

We have food to eat and water to drink,
gifts of this good earth,
enough for all, if we can share!
Gracious God we give you thanks
for all the many blessings in our lives
and ask that you would bless us now
as we share your good gifts
in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The Blessing of Food

Loving God, you provide enough for everyone:
this earth is fertile, fruitful and abundant,
but we are sometimes greedy, wasteful and
selfish.

Many go hungry despite our plenty,
many are left outside while we enjoy a feast.
But on the hillside, in the wilderness,
with five thousand and more hungry people,
Jesus took the bread that they had,
broke it and gave thanks to you.
He shared the bread,
so that no one should be left out,
and they all ate and were satisfied.

Thanks be to God

The Blessing of Water

Hurting God, you hurt with our pains,
you weep with our tears;
when you see how we struggle and suffer.
You long for our peace, yet we so often make
war.
You long for our healing and wholeness,
yet we so often turn away from you.
But at a wedding in Cana when the wine ran out,
Jesus asked them to fill the empty jars with
water,
and by your grace, water became wine,
sadness was turned to joy,
and all were able to share in the best wine of all.

Thanks be to God

Sharing Together

Dreaming God,
you long for us to dream your dream,
of a world at peace, a people made one,
a feast for all;

where bread is broken and shared with
companions on the road,
where wine is blessed
and shared with all who are hurting,
and all are caught up together
in the Kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*We take a moment to make our own "spiritual
Communion" with God.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God we thank you,
for your abundant love in creation,
your compassionate, healing touch in our hurting,
your inspiration for our venturing.
Thank you for bread, and wine to share.
Give us grace to follow
in the footsteps of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

God who longs for our healing,
meet us in our hurting,
with your compassion.
Jesus who stands with us,
touch us in our brokenness,
that we may be made whole.
Spirit who anoints us with power,
fill us with your grace,
that we may reach out to others.
May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.
Be with us, now and for ever.

Amen.

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