

Simple Worship 'Together' Over a Meal (and Video Link!) for Maundy Thursday

Instructions in italics

Leaders' words in normal type

Light (Thanks)

One person lights a match and lights a candle saying:

'We light this candle to remember that Jesus is the light of the world.'

On this night we eat a meal together and remember the meal that Jesus ate with his disciples the evening before Good Friday. For Jews, like Jesus and his followers, it was the Passover meal when they would remember and give thanks for their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Jesus reinterprets this meal to help the disciples understand what is about to happen, to help them see his death as a sacrifice for them, and for us. Everyone was about to enter a time of uncertainty and fear – but Jesus had prepared them and his presence went with them.

*In turn each person offers something they would like to thank God for from the day/week
(if you have tea lights each person may like to light one from the central candle as they share)*

End this round by giving thanks for the meal.

Hand sanitiser/hand soap (Lament/Confession)

Each person takes some hand sanitiser, or hand soap and sanitises/washed their hands

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'
Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'
'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'
Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.'
'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!'

In turn each person shares something of the brokenness they have seen or experienced that day/week, in the world or in themselves.

You may like to hold a short time of silence in which you are invited to remember that Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice for the healing of the whole world.

Bread (God's word)

As the food is served read:

Jesus said 'People don't live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God' (Matt 4: 4)

Food is now served and we eat! When you are ready read the story for the day and use the following questions to discuss the story or passage together:

Matthew 26: 17 – 35

- *What does the story/passage tell me about God?*
- *What does the story/passage mean for us and for me?*
- *How am I going to respond to what I've discovered?*

Use the Zoom link at 8.30 pm to connect with others. Each family/group shares:

- *Something you would like to tell about the story*
- *Something you would like to share for prayer.*

Pray together

Final Blessing

Either a sung blessing to join in with (microphones on mute!) over Zoom

or

Bless to us, O god, the road that is before us
Bless to us, O God, the friends who are around us,
Bless to us, O God, your love which is within us.
Bless to us, O God, the light that leads us home.