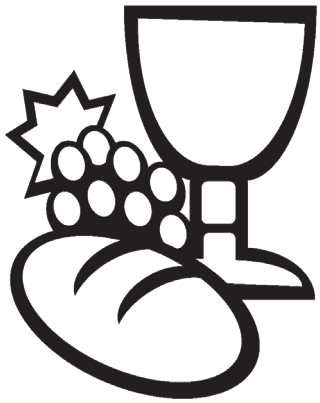
Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Maundy Thursday

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Maundy Thursday (Year B)

The last time Jesus had the opportunity to dine with his closest friends was at the Passover meal in Jerusalem. At that supper, he instituted a meal for his disciples to remember him by and gave the future church the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This meal binds Christians together from all places and times and is the means of God's grace for all who believe. Jesus is truly present with us at the table.

This Week's Scripture Texts

Gospel for Footwashing: John 13:1-35 **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

In John's gospel we hear the command to love one another as Jesus first loved us. He demonstrated this new commandment by washing his disciples' feet. Jesus told them that love for one another is the sure sign that they are his disciples.

First Lesson: Exodus 24:3-11 **Twelve Pillars**

God summoned Moses, Aaron, and other elders of Israel to come up to the mountaintop. Before he went, Moses told the people what was happening, and they committed to obedience to the Lord. At the foot of the mountain Moses erected one pillar for each of the tribes of Israel, signifying the Israelites' assent to God's covenant.

Psalm 116:12-19 **I Will Pay My Vows to the Lord**

The psalmist sang of his love for the Lord, acknowledging all of the benefits he has received from God. He proclaimed that he will praise God in the house of the Lord.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 **Participation in Christ's Body**

St. Paul asked a rhetorical question about the body and blood of Christ: When we partake of the Holy Supper, are we not participating in the very body of Christ?

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:12-26 **Passover Meal**

Jesus sent two disciples to prepare the Passover in an upper room in Jerusalem. He predicted at this last meal that one of them there at the table would betray him. Then he instituted the Lord's Supper with the bread and the wine.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: Purple or Scarlet*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed.*
- *Use the Kyrie.*
- *Make sure to have all the things you need for the Mandatum and the Individual Blessing and Forgiveness if you plan to include these as part of your worship service: anointing oil, basins, towels, pitchers, movable seating and volunteers to help wash feet.*
- *Practice the stripping of the altar in advance so it goes smoothly during the service. Have someone chant Psalm 22 while the altar is stripped, or simply remain in silence.*
- *A note in the bulletin explaining the significance of the above ritual is helpful for worshippers.*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Where Charity and Love Prevail	126	---	845	359	---	---
O Living Bread from Heaven	197	---	642	542	---	---
Let Us Break Bread Together	212	---	---	471	83	83
Go to Dark Gethsemane	109	---	436	347	145	145
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	135
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	107	---	---	338	142	142
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	117	---	449	352	149	149
Love Consecrates the Humblest Act	122	---	---	360	---	---
Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless	111	---	---	357	---	---
I Come, O Savior, to Your Table	213	---	618	---	---	---

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles

There is Power in the Blood
(CCLI# 21370)
Worthy is the Lamb
(CCLI# 3217555)
Amazing Love
(CCLI# 192553_
At the Cross (Love Ran Red)
(CCLI# 7017786)
None But Jesus
(CCLI# 4726186)

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