

## The Last Supper

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### CHOOSING SCRIPTURE // FOR THE FOUNDATION

The following passage from **John 13:1-17, 31b-15** lays out the thematic foundation for this service. Other passages support this theme and might be utilized throughout the service.

- ◆ Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- ◆ Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### CHOOSING MUSIC // FOR SINGING

- ◆ **Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread**  
Text and Music: James Montgomery, 1825; (ST. FLAVIAN, CM)
- ◆ **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**  
Text and Music: Charles Wesley; (MARTYN 7.7.7.7.D) Simeon B. Marsh
- ◆ **O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**  
Text and Music: 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Latin; (DEO GRACIAS, LM) English melody
- ◆ **The Power of the Cross**  
Text and Music: Shane & Shane, The Worship Initiative, Keith Getty, Start Townend  
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- ◆ **What a Beautiful Name/Angus Dei (Medley)**  
Text and Music: Travis Cottrell, Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood, Michael W. Smith  
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◆ **I Will Wait for You**

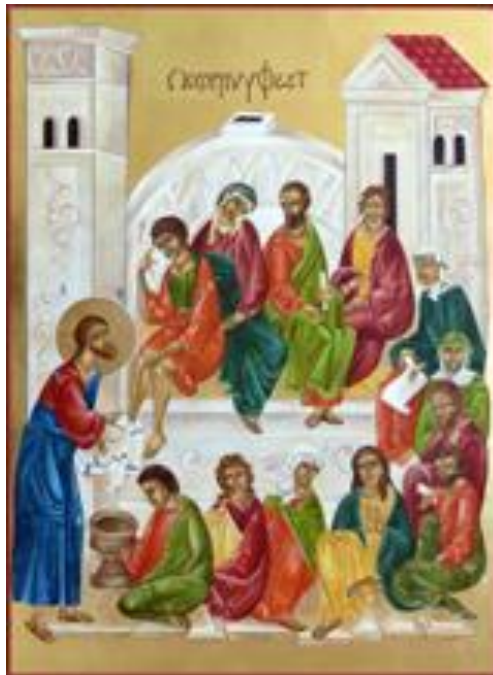
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## CREATING DRAMA // FOR HEARING

Read the scripture passages above, then introduce and show this video(s) from Work of the People [[www.workofthepeople.com](http://www.workofthepeople.com)].

- ◆ [Come and Take and Eat](#): A Maundy Thursday benediction written by Kelly Ann Hall and music by Ben Thomas.
- ◆ [Water to Wash Feet](#): A Maundy Thursday meditation. Inspired by John 13:1-17, 31-35. Written by Phuc Luu.

## FINDING ART // FOR SEEING



[Washing the Feet of the Disciples](#): "John 13:13–15 "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Humanity's collective behavior has distorted the natural balance intended for the physical world. The teachings of Jesus cleanse us inside out: we are invited to wipe dirt and filth away for us to become a new humanity. Seeing we are helpless to stay "clean" is humiliating. However, the promise of forgiveness, healing, and abundant restoration awaits us just beyond the horizon. The event takes place before the scene in the garden of Gethsemane. The disciples are bickering about who is best, better, and right. The liturgy of washing feet is associated with the Lord's Supper, referred to as the "Love Feast." I gave myself permission to alter the sacred image to include women because of the Pope's gesture. The scroll held by the woman on the far right suggests the holy text can be adjusted to include women who were not included, documented, or understood. As a result of my epiphanies while painting

various aspects of traditional iconography, I have altered many icons of principal events to include women. I believe it is time to re-frame our historic bias and transition rituals and sacraments to include gender equality for all of humanity."

## **LIVING WORSHIP // FOR DOING**

Remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross can be incorporated into acts of worship weekly on Sundays with the act of communion, especially for this Maundy Thursday service, and songs to commemorate the occasion. For this Maundy Thursday, the way we reflect is through the Lord's Supper. As you eat and drink you are often told to think about the love of Christ and how you live because of him and through him, and he through you.

## **MAKING SPACE // FOR WORSHIPING**

For this service, you can present the color(s) red, white, purple/scarlet, or gold. Within the words and music, make sure to save any "alleluias" until Easter morning as we remain reflective of the events to come in the following day.

## **WRITING POERTY // FOR PRAYER**

### **Maundy Thursday - Malcolm Guite**

Here is the source of every sacrament,  
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  
Replenishing our every element  
Remaking us in his creative Word.  
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,  
The fire dances where the candles shine,  
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.  
And here He shows the full extent of love  
To us whose love is always incomplete,  
In vain we search the heavens high above,  
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.  
He meets us here and loves us into light.

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and remember the love of Jesus,  
gathered at table with his friends.  
We come to receive from Christ  
the bread of life, the cup of blessing;

Come, receive the tender service  
Christ offers each of us;  
We come to receive the challenge of the new  
commandment: "Love one another."

Come and contemplate the many temptations  
of a world that would entice us, like Judas,  
to betray the trust of a suffering God.

We come to travel with Jesus  
the way of the Cross,  
so that our Easter "alleluia"  
will take on new meaning.  
Let us worship together and reflect upon the  
life of Christ, that we might remember  
what discipleship may cost,  
and what it may reap.

— from *Come and Remember, Prayers for Maundy  
Thursday*, written by the Rev. Kelly Burd,  
Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship  
Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/>

### WELCOME

Greet the congregation and warmly welcome  
them to this time of worship.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 *or*  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *or*  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  
What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Provide time for worshipers to reflect on the  
weight of God's word for us today.

### MESSAGE

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread  
The Power of the Cross

## COMMUNION

Leaders, encourage the congregation to participate in the taking of Communion using individual servings in their seats. This can be walked through using Matthew 26:26-29.

## CLOSING SONG

Jesus, Lover of My Soul  
I Will Wait for You

## BENEDICTION

**Leader:** May the blessing of the Son who kneels and washes our feet call us out from our comfort and our safety to embrace and serve those we meet on the journey. May the blessing of the Spirit who weaves dreams of a new community call us out from our comfort and our safety to provide welcome and hospitality to strangers as well as friends.

-Adapted from Rev. Dr. Clare McBeath  
and Rev. Tim Presswood

## SENT OUT TO SERVE

The Pastor will remind the congregation of our calling as Christ followers to love one another just as Christ has loved us. The congregation will be sent out to “serve” by loving others through our words and actions in a way that will hopefully point others to the perfect love and hope of the gospel.