

## **Maundy Thursday Service: April 9, 2020**

**Materials:** tablecloth, candle, bread (any kind, crackers), cups, pitcher of juice/wine/water, paper and pen, small towel and small bowl of water

### **Gathering at the table**

Words of Introduction

Passover Poem\*

### **Preparing the table**

Mark 14:12-16

Setting the table

*Be present at our table, Lord*

### **Remembering at the table**

Luke 22:14-16

*Great is thy faithfulness*

### **Learning at the table**

John 13:1-17

*Will you let me be your servant?*

### **Eating at the table**

Luke 22:14-23

Communion

Prayer for the bread

*Eat this bread*

Prayer for the cup

*Eat this bread*

### **Leaving the table**

Mark 14:26

Cleaning up

Prayer

*Go to dark Gethsemane*



**\*A Passover Poem** (by Carol Penner)

The preparations are made in the city of Jerusalem,  
in an upper room, for a meal,

**the Passover meal.**

The feet coming up the stairs are dusty,  
they've travelled far for this meal,

**the Passover meal.**

The friends recline together weary and hungry  
as the teacher begins the meal,

**the Passover meal.**

He looks them in the eye and tells them  
that he has eagerly desired this meal,

**the Passover meal.**

The teacher takes a loaf and blessing it, he breaks it  
saying, this is my body which is for you,

**the Passover meal.**

He does the same with the cup, blessing it, sharing it,  
saying this is my blood, the new covenant,

**the Passover meal.**

The teacher tells them that one will betray him,  
one whose hand is on the table

**at the Passover meal.**

The teacher ties a towel around himself  
and with a basin, he bows to serve,

**at the Passover meal.**

The teacher handles the dirty feet of his friends,  
washing them in a basin, a humble act

**at the Passover meal.**

The disciples of this teacher watch, aghast  
at this stooping, this lowliness,

**at the Passover meal.**

The one named Peter pulls his feet away  
rejecting completely this washing,

**at the Passover meal.**

The teacher tells them that the greatest  
must be a servant to all, in this new order

**at the Passover meal.**

Bread broken, wine shared, feet washed,  
they leave the room together

**after the Passover meal.**

In the garden the teacher asks them to watch and pray,  
but the disciples are too sleepy

**after the Passover meal.**

The teacher vigils alone, in tears and agony  
until soldiers come with swords and clubs,

**they will not pass over this teacher.**

The body will be broken  
and the cup of suffering will be emptied

**at the Passover this year.**