



Just as Jesus shared a meal with his disciples on the night he was betrayed, so we gather in remembrance, reflection, and fellowship. May our hearts be open to love one another as Christ first loved us.

A Reading

(from John 13)

Now before the feast of Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of the world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. Jesus, knowing that the father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.** Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. **A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



A Prayer of Remembrance

Holy God,
source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love
one another as he loved them.
**Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,
On the night before his death,
Jesus invited his disciples to make their home in his
love, an act of obedience.
He taught that such abiding is not just for our joy, but
for the glory of God,
for a fruitful and abundant life,
for the sake of God's kingdom.

**Grant, Almighty God, that our lives be found in Christ
Jesus. Teach us to abide in Christ Jesus for the
salvation of our souls and to the praise of your glory.
Fill our hearts with the love of Christ that we may love
one another as we have received love.**

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night before his death,
Jesus prayed for his disciples and for us,
an act of mercy
He prayed that the Father would unite us for the sake
of his glory,
that eternal life is knowing the one true God,
whose love lives in our hearts.

**Grant, Almighty God, that our lives be marked by such
unity. Teach us to abide in Christ Jesus for the
salvation of our souls and to the praise of your glory.
Fill our hearts with the love of Christ that we may love
one another as we have received love.**

Almighty and ever-living God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue
may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



A Reading

(from John 17)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.** I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name and I will continue to make it known that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."



Prayer of Consecration

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Grant, Almighty God, that our lives be marked by such service. Teach us to abide in Christ Jesus for the salvation of our souls and to the praise of your glory. Fill our hearts with the love of Christ that we may love one another as we have received love.

Blessing for the Meal

Father, we gather at this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Discussion Questions

to be answered/talked about while eating.

What is one way that you have experienced the Love of God through a brother or sister during holy week/Lent?

What is one way that you have shown the Love of God to a brother or sister during holy week or Lent?



A Reading

(from John 15)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Benediction

All our problems,

We send to the cross of Christ!

All our difficulties,

We send to the cross of Christ!

All the devil's works,

We send to the cross of Christ!

All our hopes,

We set on the risen Christ!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**