

## Maundy Thursday Family Worship

Families + friends,

Below is an order of worship you can participate in together as a family. You can do this at any time today. You might be able to do it all at once or maybe your children need to take it one piece at a time. This is an invitation to remember Jesus' example of being a loving servant to all.



*Jesus washes his disciples feet, by Jesus Mafa. Jesus Mafa is a response to New Testament readings by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa.*

**Light Candles** as a reminder of God's presence with you.

### ***Opening Prayer***

God be in my head.

God be in my heart.

God be on my left side.

God be on my right side.

God be in my whole life.

### **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

I love God, because he knows my voice and God always listens to me.

**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

My cup of salvation is full and I lift it up to offer God a toast.

Everything I vowed to do for God I will do, and everyone will know that God is good.

**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

I know I will always be precious to God, even when I die.

God, I owe you my life. You have cut me loose from the ties that were holding me back.

**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

Thank you, God. I can't thank you enough.

I've promised to do good in your name among your people.

**Can I ever repay you, God, for all the good things you've done for me?**

### **The Holy Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Children's Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*Takes about 2 minutes to read*

I wonder why Jesus wanted to wash the disciples feet

I wonder what you would have said to Jesus that night

I wonder if there has ever been a time you needed help but didn't want to ask for help

I wonder how you feel when you help others

### **Storytelling and Reflection**

“Last Stop on Market Street”

Words by Matt de la Pena, pictures by Christian Robinson

*Takes about 6 minutes to read*

I love this book and it has a beautiful message for Maundy Thursday. Nana and CJ are not rich in material things and CJ's struggle to understand why others have things he doesn't is palpable. And yet, Nana is teaching CJ about what it means to have a servant's heart, to see all people as made in God's image, and that there is treasure in clay jars.

I wonder where CJ and his nana were going after church?

I wonder what you think they were going to do there? Why?

I wonder why CJ complained about having to ride the bus?

I wonder who was your favorite character on the bus? What would you like to talk about with that person?

At the end of the story, I wonder what you think Nana meant when she said,

“Sometimes when you're surrounded by dirt, CJ, you're a better witness for what's beautiful”?

I wonder if you think that CJ was glad they came to the soup kitchen at the end of the story?

*\*adapted from Storypath*

## **Prayer**

A new commandment, you gave at the table,  
to love one another as you made us able.

When we love one another, all will know it is true  
that we and our friends, indeed, follow you.

So let us remember the commandment to love  
so the world becomes more like heaven above.

Amen.

*\*From Common Prayer for Children and Families, Jenifer Gamber & Timothy J.S. Seamans*

**Share any specific prayers and petitions** you have as a family.

**Say the Lord's Prayer together.**

*Close your time of worship by extinguishing the candle and observe a few moments of silence.*