

# Maundy Thursday

## April 9, 2020

***O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Jesus said: I give you a new commandment. Love one another as I have loved you. By this world will know that we are his disciples, if we love one another.***

**Prelude** "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" Lloyd Larson

**Scripture Reading** John 13:1-17; 31b-35

### **Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*Lord, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with your holy light. May our lives mirror your great love. Your wisdom has brought us into being, and your care guides us on the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Hymn** "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded"

**Scripture Reading** Psalms 22

### **Meditation and Reflection on his precious word**

*Let us each day walk through the sufferings of Christ. Christ said very little when he was betrayed. He did not attempt to defend himself, but "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" Phil 2:8*

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:" Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34**

The weight of the sin of the world has been placed on Christ and in this moment, he is completely abandoned by God, the Father. Sin separates us from the holy. Christ experienced that for us. The intimate relationship with the God the Father he had his entire life was lost. The words used to convey the devastation of this abandonment is another fulfillment of Scripture in the language from Psalm 22.

***Enlighten our hearts to the intimate relationship you desire for us.***

### **A Spiritual Practice for Maundy Thursday**

#### **Handwashing**

*Prepare a pitcher of water, a bowl, and towels. Prayerfully pour water over each hand or allow a family member to do so. As you do so reflect on the grace and love of Jesus Christ poured out in your life. Conclude with this prayer: O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

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By Shemaiah Gonzalez, "Guided meditation on the seven last words of Christ" *The Catholic Sun*, April 3, 2019

#### **Music provided for free distribution by:**

"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" by Lloyd Larson, performed by the Peace Together Choir

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+QfwX4QSuV\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+QfwX4QSuV_c)

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Words: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1154); Trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830

Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729