

Liturgy of Footwashing and the Agape Meal



GATHERING

Opening Hymn *(See insert)*

Greeting by Presider

Response: *And with your spirit.*

Opening Prayer

All are seated following the opening prayer.

LITURGY OF THE WORD *(See insert for Scripture references)*

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Please stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Alleluia



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Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

FOOTWASHING

Words of Invitation

Rite of Preparation

Presider: These we release.
All: *These we release.*

Footwashing Prayer and Lord's Prayer *Please stand.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.
All: *And with your spirit.*
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Final response: *Amen.*

Please be seated following the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Footwashing *Ushers will provide direction.*

(There may be music or silence during the footwashing—see insert.)

SIGN OF PEACE

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND PETITION

Following each prayer, the following dialog is repeated:

Presider: We pray to the Lord.
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The presider offers a concluding prayer, to which all respond, Amen.

AGAPE MEAL

Please move to banquet tables and remain standing through the Thanksgiving for the Light on the next page.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor De - us i - bi est.

Verses by Cantor(s)

Since the love of Christ has brought us all together,
let us all rejoice and be glad, now and always.

Let everyone love the Lord God, the living God;
and with sincere hearts let us love each other now.

Therefore when we gather as one in Christ Jesus,
let our love enfold each race, creed, every person.
Let envy, division and strife cease among us;
may Christ our Lord dwell among us in every heart.

Bring us with your saints to behold your great beauty,
there to see you, Christ our God, throned in great glory;
there to possess heaven's peace and joy, your truth and love,
for endless ages of ages, world without end.

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Tune: UBI CARITAS

TABLE BLESSING HYMN *Tune: Old 100th*

Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.

**LIGHTING of the CANDLES and
THANKSGIVING for the LIGHT**

At the conclusion of the Table Blessing Hymn, someone at each table lights the candle. The following prayer is offered.

PRESIDER: Blessed are you, Lord our God.
You sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
to be a light for all peoples:
a light for the path of discipleship;
a light to reveal the dignity of all people;
a light of healing, teaching, and forgiveness;
a light to show the power of nonviolent love on the cross.
Send your Spirit to open our eyes
to your presence in the world.
You free our hands to lead others
to the radiant splendor of your mercy and truth.
Be with us in this meal
and bless us with the fullness of life and joy.
To you alone the glory and praise, forever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

BLESSING of the BREAD *Please be seated.*

PRESIDER: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
Ruler of the universe,
for you bring forth bread from the earth.

All: *Amen.*

PRESIDER: Blessed are you, God our Father,
for the life and knowledge
that you have revealed to us
through Christ your Son.

All: *To you be glory forever.*

PRESIDER: Just as this bread which we break
was once scattered
over the hills and prairies
but now has been gathered and made one,
so let your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your reign of justice and peace.

All: *For the power and glory are yours forever.*

The bread is shared at each table.

BLESSING of the WINE

Scripture Reading *Reader*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John, chapter 15:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

After the reading, the wine is poured, and glasses held for the blessing.

PRESIDER: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
 creator of the fruit of the vine
 which you have given us
 to drink new in your reign.

All: *Amen.*

All salute each other with the wine and drink, and the meal proper begins.

At the end of the meal:

FINAL BLESSING *Please stand.*

PRESIDER: We bless you, heavenly Father,
for your holy Name
which you have made
to tabernacle in our hearts,
and for the knowledge, faith, and immortality
that you have revealed to us
through Jesus, your Son.

All: *To you be glory forever.*

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus,
you washed the feet of your disciples
as a compelling sign and commandment for us.

Let our participation in the sacrament
of footwashing and in this agape meal
strengthen us for your service,
especially in our work for justice and peace.

All: *To you be glory forever.*

PRESIDER: Rain down your Spirit
and protect us from all harm.

Make us strong in your love
and help us walk in courage and joy.

From the four winds gather all your disciples
into communion with you as Triune God,
into the kingdom that you have prepared.

For the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

All: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

All join in singing:

HYMN OF PRAISE Psalm 113

Praise God, you servants of the Lord,
O praise God's name with one accord;
O bless the Lord, God's name adore
From this time forth for evermore.

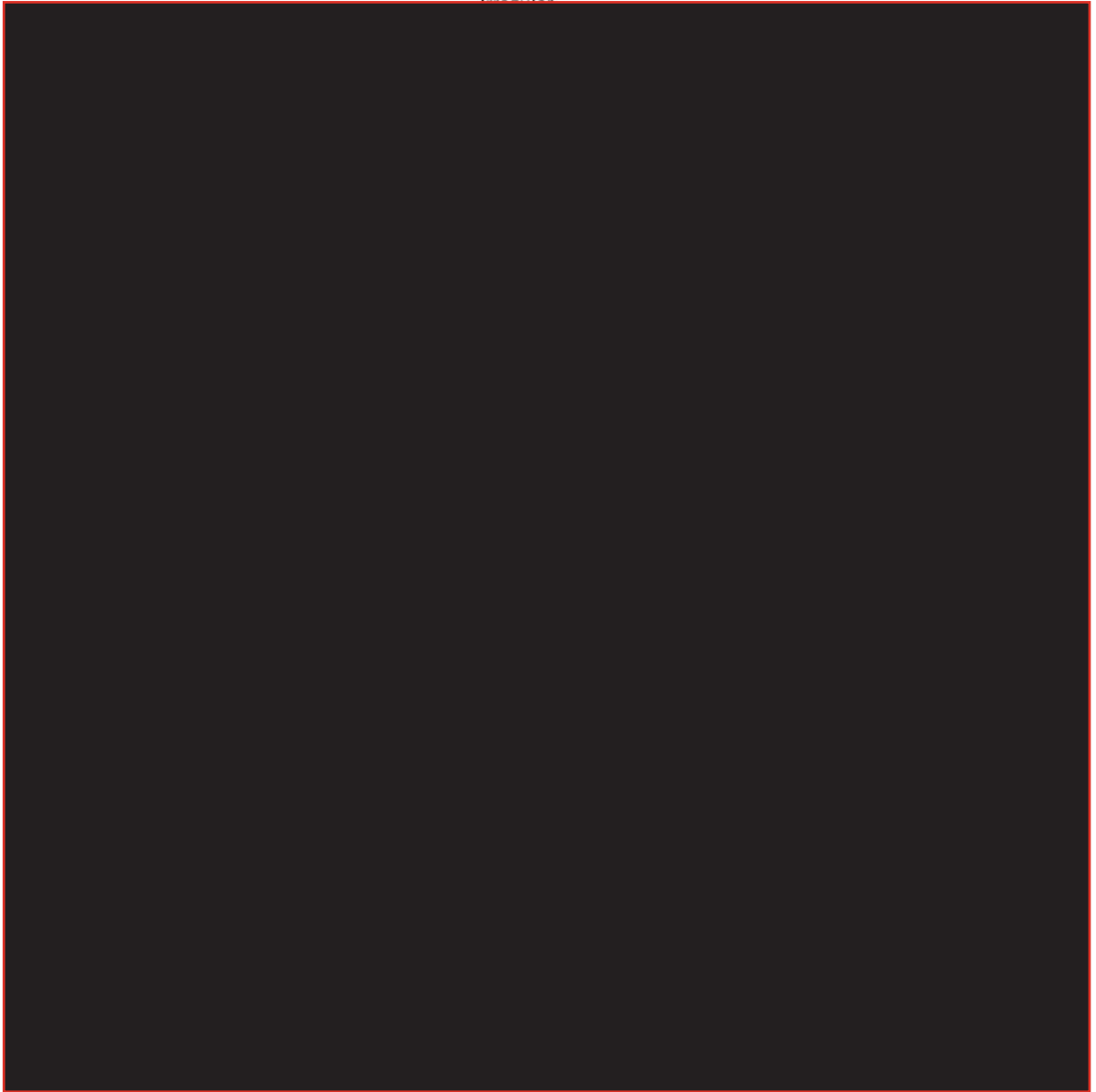
From rising unto setting sun
Praised be the Lord, the Mighty One;
Who reigns o'er all supreme in might,
Above the heav'ns in glory bright.

God lifts the poor and makes them great,
With joy now fills the desolate;
O praise the Lord and bless God's name,
God's mercy and great might proclaim.

*All join in singing **Rain Down** on the next page.*

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Rain down



SENDING

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

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