

**A MEDITATION
WITH SERMON
FOR
MAUNDY
THURSDAY
9 APRIL 2020**



“[Jesus] 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 to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” (John 13:4–5, ESV)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Jesus is the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sin of the world!

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**to receive power and wealth and
wisdom and strength and honour
and glory and praise!**

WE PRAY PSALM 88

*Lord, you are the God who saves me; day
and night I cry out to you.*

*May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.*

In the cross of Christ I glory.

I call to you, Lord, every day;

I spread out my hands to you.

Do you show your wonders to the dead?

Do their spirits rise up and praise you?

*Why, Lord, do you reject me and hide
your face from me?*

In the cross of Christ I glory.

*Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.
You have taken from me friend and
neighbour – darkness is my closest
friend.*

In the cross of Christ I glory.

NEW SONG TO AN 'OLD' TUNE

Next slide: special song for Easter written for this time of physical distancing.

“This Easter Celebration”

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THIS EASTER CELEBRATION

1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We're distant from our neighbors— from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?

With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place

we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

3. Our joy won't come from worship
that's in a crowded room

but from the news of women who saw
the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran
with haste to see—

who heard that Christ is risen, and then,
by grace, believed.

4. In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:

Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.

Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!

Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

5. We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be

a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.

In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,

we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

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GOD SPEAK TO US: A READING FROM JOHN 13:1-17

Jesus washes the disciples feet

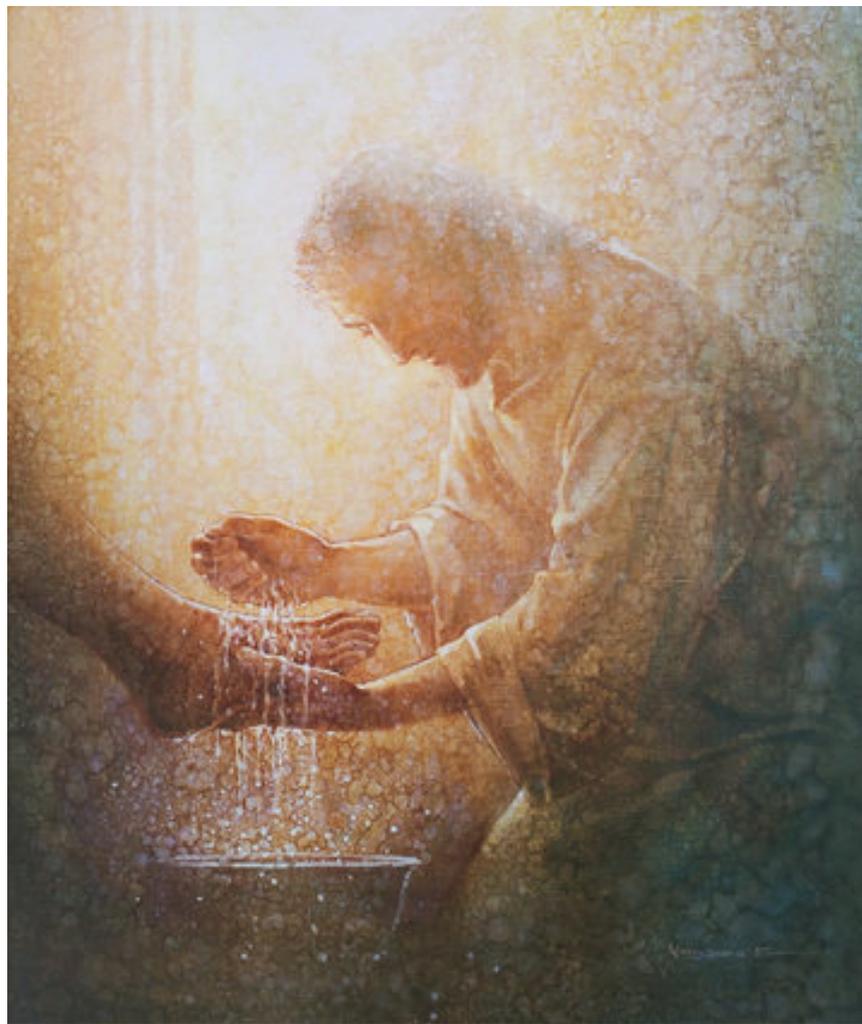
¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

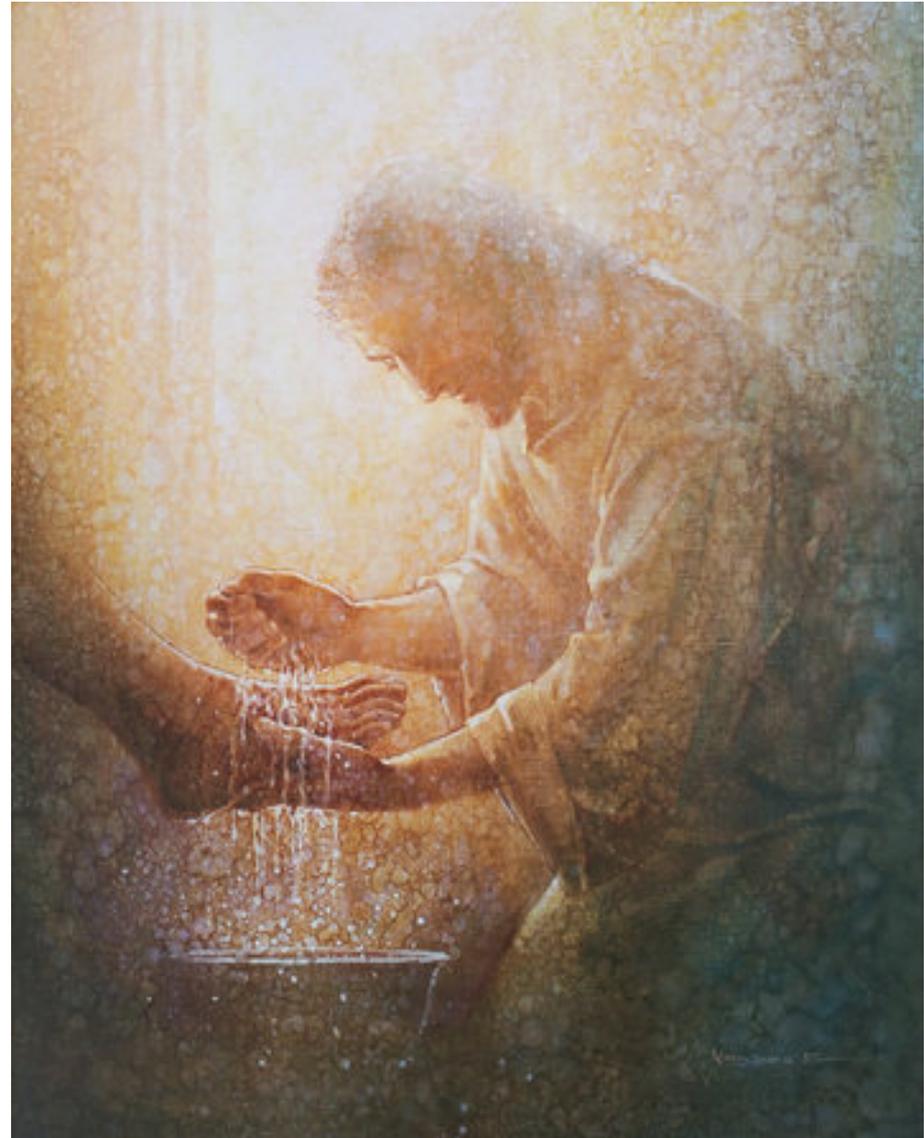
8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”

11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them



**13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’
and rightly so, for that is what I am.**

**14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also should
wash one another’s feet.**

**15 I have set you an example that you
should do as I have done for you.**

16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

RESPONSE TO THE READING:

*My thoughts are not your thoughts,
declares the Lord.*

My word will not return to me empty.

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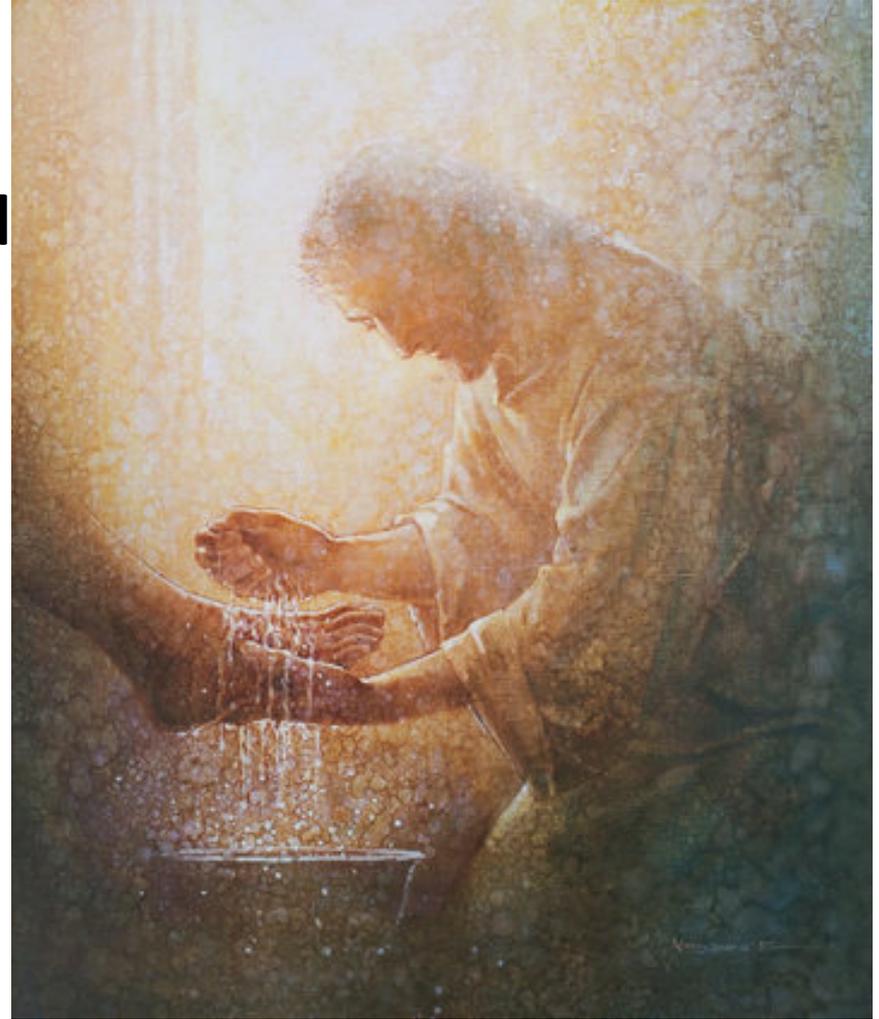
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SERMON BASED ON JOHN 13:4-5

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



SERMON BASED ON JOHN 13:4-5 – [CLICK TO START](#)



SONG VIDEO : GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE (WORDS AND MUSIC IN MOVIE FILE WILL START, BUT STOP IF YOU ADVANCE TO NEXT SLIDE)



WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*By the mystery of your incarnation;
by your holy life and your bitter suffering
and death;
by your crown of thorns and purple robe
of mockery;
and by your unjust condemnation.*

Lord Jesus: **save us.**

*By your bearing of your own cross;
by your dreadful crucifixion;
by your patience and humility;
and by the love with which you loved us
to the end:*

Lord Jesus: **save us.**

*That being dead to sin, we live to
righteousness;*

*that we take up our cross daily and
follow you;*

*that sharing in your sufferings we also
share in your glory:*

Lord Jesus: **save us.**

*(PLEASE ADD YOUR OWN PRAYERS FOR
CONGREGATION, VOCATION, FAMILY AND
ANYTHING ELSE ON YOUR HEART)*

Lord Jesus: **save us.**

*Almighty God, we continually stumble
because of our weakness.*

*Strengthen us by the suffering of our
Lord and set us free from the bondage
of our sins;*

through your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

GOD BLESSES US

My Christ our crucified Saviour draw us to himself, so that we find in him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

Amen

It is customary at this part of the Maundy Thursday service to remove all sanctuary and altar furnishings to signify the way Christ was stripped of his clothes, dignity and life.

Psalm 88 is read interspersed with Psalm 22:18:
“They divide my garments among them and cast lots for
my clothing”.

You are invited to mediate on these psalms in your own
home.

Thereafter the first of our three Easter services ends...