

For Your Study and Reflection

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.” (vv. 34-35)

Questions for Reflection

The lectionary readings for Holy Thursday are full of sacramental themes and imagery: (1) the institution of the Passover meal in Exodus 12:1-14, just before the crossing of the sea; (2) the gift of the Lord’s Supper described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; and (3) the imagery of bathing and washing in John 13:1-17, 31b-35. Reflect on the understanding and practice of the sacraments in your congregation. How are these biblical themes and images reflected? Think about the relationship between the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper in your congregation. How is that relationship communicated, negotiated, or lived out?

Household Prayer: Morning

O Lord, as I live for you this day,
keep me faithful.
Let my living and dying
be precious in your sight,
so that I may live for you forever;
I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Ps. 116:15-16

Household Prayer: Evening

O Lord, as I rest in you this night,
keep me faithful.
Let my dying and my living
be precious in your sight
so that I may rest in you forever;
I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Ps. 116:15-16