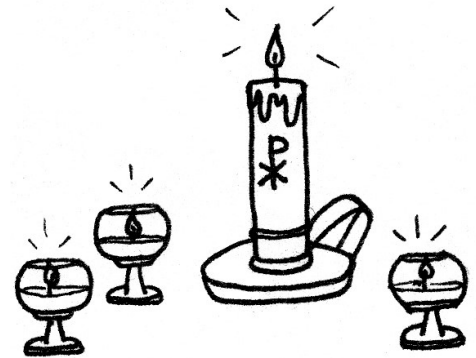


# Family Foot-Washing Ceremony for Holy Thursday

**PREPARE:** You will need a candle and lighter, pitcher of warm water, large bowl to catch the water, towel, Bible

**Light the candle** to remind all who are present that Jesus is there with you.



**Begin with Scripture:**

**LEADER:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**OTHERS:** Glory to You, O Lord

**LEADER:** [Jesus] rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well."

Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed\* has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all."

For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of

you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you?

You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am.

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.

I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**OTHERS:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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(At this point you might play soft music in the background.)

Starting with spouses, then parents washing children’s feet, finally children washing parent’s feet.

As you wash each other’s feet, it would be appropriate to say one of these antiphons of the day or even a very simple prayer

- ♦ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord. (John 13:34)
- ♦ This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)
- ♦ Thank you, [name] for all the ways you serve our family.

End by praying an Our Father together.