



April 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Words of Gathering

Opening Prayer:

God, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
for one another,
for tonight's meal,
We give ourselves to you.

Bring us together though we sit apart.
Change us through the sharing of your Word
Because in sharing the Living Bread,
we cannot remain the same. Amen.

MV #16 Come and Fill Our Hearts

Scripture: John 13:1-8, 12-17, 34

¹³ Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

² Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

⁸ "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

¹² After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. ¹⁴ If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example:

just as I have done, you also must do. ¹⁶ I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

³⁴ "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

(silent pause)

Mark 14:12-25

¹² ... the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

¹³ He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?"' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ He

said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom."

Music: VU #593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Communion Prayer

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts.

We open ourselves to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of remembering and God of new life,
as we gather from our homes this night
may we feel the strength of your love for us,
And may that love bring us together.

We thank you that we are invited
To be in communion with you and one another
We are grateful that we can come just as we are,
With all of the joys and concerns we may bring,
And so we offer our prayers:

(we pray the prayers on our hearts)

One: Hear our prayers
As we join with the hosts of heaven and the
whole of creation,
As we praise your holy name saying:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy God;
Our source, our joy, our life,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we remember,
The night before Jesus was put to death,
he gathered for a meal of celebration with his
friends.
There he recommitted himself to your love,
and to his people.
He took bread, thanked You, and broke the bread,
giving it to his friends, saying,
“Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

After supper, he took the cup of blessing,
thanked You, and poured the wine,
giving it to his friends, saying,
“Take this and drink it. This is my life-blood,
given for you.
Each time you drink this, remember me.”

And so we do as he asked us.

**Loving God,
we pray that your Spirit might fill these gifts,
and fill us –
that we might embody lives full of your love,
your hope and your life in the world.
Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.**

**Music/Silent Reflection
VU #466 Eat this Bread**

Prayer after Communion
We thank you, gracious God,
for the gifts you have given us:
for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Grace;
for your presence among us in life,
and in death, and in life beyond death.
We pray that, having been refreshed at your table,
we may offer your life and grace to one another,
and to all the world.

We join hearts and minds together as your people
sharing in responsive form
the prayer which Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
**we give thanks for the loving way
shown in the story of Jesus.**

Hallowed be your name –
**the one name encompassing the many names
which cross our lips
in times of sorrow and times of joy.**

Thy kingdom come
**in our hearts and minds and actions,
between us and between all peoples,
between us and the rest of creation,
now and far into the future.**

Thy will be done.
**We seek to bend toward
your deep and living word,
as your love bends toward each one of us.**

On earth as it is in heaven.
As Jesus loved, give us the vision also to love.

Give us this day our daily bread.
**We seek wholeness and fullness.
Send us into the lives of those who hunger.**

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
**Allow us to remember
the basin and the towel of self-giving
even among those who mock us and give us dread.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
**Keep us from the desire
to profit from your commandment to love.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.
**We seek wholeness
by growing in surrendering love
to all your children. Amen.**

Mark 14:32-36 - Jesus in prayer

³² Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. ³⁴ He said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert.” ³⁵ Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

MV #90 Don’t Be Afraid

Blessings and Sending Forth