

Holy Week at RRCB – April 9, 2020

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Maundy Thursday at Home

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Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Commandment. This is the meaning of Maundy as it refers to the Thursday before Easter. This commandment is what Jesus gave his disciples during their last shared meal. He commanded them to love one another just as he has loved them. On this Thursday before Easter it was the day Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples and washed their feet. While the disciples did not recognize how powerful this moment was, we know now that it was truly a significant moment.

This year we are unable to meet together. It is a day in which we remember the goodness that Jesus brings to our lives. The hope we have because he was willing to sacrifice himself. The love we have because of his sacrifice. Below you will find a simple family service for your sharing of this day.

Supplies:

- Pieces of bread, crackers, etc.
- Beverage of choice
- Candle & Lighter
- Bible
- [Coloring page](#) and markers for children
- Construction Paper

Children's Activity prior to the meal:

Make a placemat for the family meal. Each family member would need a piece of paper and markers. Write or draw your menu and then write the names of the people who are eating the meal together. At the end of the meal pray for one another.

The following **service** can be shared during your family dinner or after.

Light the Candle

Read John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Ask:

- Why is this story important?
- How does this story make you feel?
- Why is Holy Week significant or special?
- Who is Jesus to you?

Sharing of Communion

In these times, we suggest each person having their own piece of bread/cracker and their own cup with a beverage in it.

Bless the bread and cup as a reminder of all that God has provided us and that God is walking through all our days with us. God sent his Son so that we might have an abundant life. Though life might look different these days, Jesus still loves us unconditionally.

Share the meal by blessing each part:

- The Bread of Heaven.
- The Cup of Life.

Together as a family **sing Jesus Loves Me**.

Ask:

- What is your favorite meal to have together as a family?
- What are the good things in our life right now? (maybe write these on post it notes and place on your refrigerator)

Close by giving thanks for all that God has provided in the gift of his son, Jesus.