

WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!

Worship is always the best place to begin as we come into the Lord's presence and pray. "The Lord is enthroned on the praises of His people." A heart filled with Gratitude is the secure path to God's heart of Love.

Psalm 78, a wisdom/historical psalm, is assigned to Maundy Thursday. It illustrates so well the goodness and kindness of God to his stubborn and rebellious people. Attendite, popule. Hear my teaching, O my people.

Psalm 19 extolls the wonders of God in Creation and in Word. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei. The heavens declare the glory of God.

With these two Psalms as guides, lift up your heart to the Lord!

CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. Daniel 9:18

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Preparation for Prayer

An Open Heart

A lit candle to symbolize
the Lord's Presence

Bible

Journal

A basin of warm water and a towel
(Receive humble service from Jesus, as you wash your feet)

Comfortable place to
sit or walk and pray

We cannot pray without his empowering us in prayer; we cannot grow in holiness without his forming holiness in us; we cannot lead others to faith without the working of his Spirit; we cannot serve others without the service he offers to us first.

Ian Paul

In vain we search the heavens high above,
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.
He meets us here and loves us into light.

Malcolm Guite

Church of the Redeemer, Lent 2023

Prayer Vigil Guide

MAUNDY THURSDAY
TO GOOD FRIDAY MORNING



Stay with me and keep watch with me.
Love one another the way I loved you.

– Jesus



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

Lord, Help Me

"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 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."

Intimacy with your Lord and Savior
Interact with Jesus. How does Jesus serve you?
Thank God for the blessings of your life.
Write out a prayer beginning, My child....
Hear God speaking directly to you.
Hear the ways that God is delighted in you,
knows you, understands how you feel,
and responds in love.
With tender compassion Jesus washes your feet.



Lord, Help Us

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 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."



From the security of belovedness, bring the concerns of your heart for your community.

- Serve others in prayer.
- Pray for those in your closest circle.
- Name each of them as you pray.
- Listen to how Jesus is praying.
- Family. Friends. Neighbors. Co-workers.
- Who do you carry in your heart?
- Who might be ready to hear of God's love?

After Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, he prayed for them and for the church.

Serve Church of the Redeemer in prayer that we might be Christ's Body, fully yielded, strengthened and empowered.

- A building of our own.
- A youth worker.
- For babies, children and youth—healthy in body, mind and spirit.
- For those with physical, financial and other needs.
- St. John's Karen Anglican and Pastor Kyi Htoo;
St. Paul's in Ma Ra Moe refugee camp, Thailand.
- Ministry concerns: Together for Good (for Moms, children and wisdom for ministry leaders), Refugee families and Arrive ministry, Hope Academy and student Emmanuel; Jessenia.
- Various summer camp programs for youth
- Mission needs: Pastor Aziz, Tessa K., Jon & Carrie D, Jeff & Kristin J., Joshua. W., Joe & Karen S., Messenger Films, Anslem House.
- Pray for Clergy, Vestry, Ministry Teams, Deanery, Diocesan and Provincial leadership in the ACNA.

Lord, Help Us, Help Others

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

Prayers for the church across the world. Those persecuted or imprisoned for their faith. For the spread of the Gospel. For protection and work of the Gospel. For increased opportunities to speak and reach out with Christ's love.

Prayers for Our Community, State, Nation. For the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Pray for repentant hearts. Pray for unity for our nation.



For right relationships among all people. Pray for significant areas: Education, Health Care, Government, Media and social media, Racial justice, front-line workers, Technology, Banking and Industry, Global warming...

The Nations: in particular. _____ For peace amongst the nations. For God's justice to be released.

As you conclude this time of dedicated prayer, thank the Lord for His Presence with you and for the time you've shared together.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13: 20,21