**Maundy Thursday Service – Foot or Hand Washing Instructions**

If you are planning to participate in foot or hand washing, here are some things to **prepare before the service** starts:

**Equipment:** bowl large enough to hold water poured over feet or hands, drying towel, pitcher of very warm water since it will sit for a while and cool, extra towels for any water spilled on the floor or table.

**Set-up for foot washing**: place chair such that the person pouring the water has enough room to comfortably pour water over the foot of the person in the chair. There needs to be room to change places and repeat the process.

**Set-up for Hand washing**: place bowl and pitcher in a convenient place that will not be a problem if some water is spilled in the washing process.

**The Service**:

**Foot Washing:**After the Sermon, the **foot or hand** **washing** will begin. The Dolans will initiate the washing while congregation replicates the process on their own by ….

**Foot washing:**Person in chair removing footgear and holding out one foot. The foot-washer person places the bowl under the person’s foot and pours water over the foot. The foot is dried and the process is repeated with the other foot.

Exchange places and repeat the foot washing for the other person.

When foot washing is completed and footgear in place, the service continues with music. If time allows, there is a closing prayer to say at the end of these instructions.

**Hand washing:**Hold one hand over the bowl and pour water over the hand. Dry the hand and pour water over the other hand. Dry the hand and the service continues with music playing.

**Prayer options during the washing:**If you would like a prayer to say in your heart and mind while either washing or being washed, we offer three options.  Choose whichever seems most appropriate to you during this time.

* ***God works through these hands and feet and so these hands and feet are holy***
* ***Refresh me in the name of Jesus***
* ***Love one another, as I have loved you***

**If time allows, a closing prayer to say together or silently before the service continues:**

Blessed are you, Lord God  
The basin and the towel are signs to us of your Son’s servanthood  
You have made us partakers of Christ and of one another  
As we go forth, give us grace  
to love others as much as oneself  
to love our enemies  
to make peace.

Send the Spirit of truth to keep alive in us  
what Jesus taught and did  
that our words may carry his good news, and  
that our lives may bear the shape of the cross  
of the One who lives and reigns with You  
and with the Holy Spirit  
One God, forever and ever  
Amen.