

For at home worship, on Maundy Thursday, there are a few elements we invite you to gather ahead of time and have by your side for worship. This is traditionally a more participatory service than what would be on a regular Sunday, or even during the other days of Holy Week. In order to feel more engaged in this worship experience, we encourage you to set up a mini altar (cloth napkin or doily, Bible, candle and cross), a small amount of oil, a basin of water and towel or paper and pen.

There will be three elements of worship during which the assembly will be invited to engage in symbolic actions; laying on of hands, hand washing and stripping of the altar.

- During the laying of hands portion of the service, you may participate by confessing your sins to God or taking turns speaking words of forgiveness for those worshipping alongside you, such as; *In the obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.*

A drop of essential oil, olive oil or baby oil may be used for anointing on the forehead as the words of forgiveness are spoken

- If you are worshipping with others beside you, take turns washing each other's hands or feet and drying them. Alternatively, a note of encouragement could be written to a friend or family member during this time; making sure to plan for sending it.
- As the service is ending have your Bible open to Psalm 88. You may read the verses aloud as you strip your mini altar space in unison with the broadcasted service.