

## **An Order of Worship for the Evening with abbreviated Love Feast**      BCP p. 109

*The Love Feast is a meal celebrating fellowship and unity while remembering the meals that Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry. John Wesley first experienced the Love Feast with the Moravians in 1737 and wrote in his diary, "After evening prayers, we joined the Germans in one of their love feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ." The Love Feast is celebrated especially in times when celebrating Holy Communion is deemed inappropriate.*

***Before the service begins, to participate in the Love Feast, please gather a candle or a light, bread or crackers, and something to drink such as water, juice, wine, or tea. We will also have an opportunity to reflect and share where we have seen God at work this week.***

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;      BCP p. 109

*People*      **God's mercy endures forever.**      BCP p. 110

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.      (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

### **A PRAYER FOR LIGHT**

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*Officiant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **LOVE FEAST (abbreviated)**

*Officiant*      As we join together as a community of faith with whom Christ is present, we set symbols on our tables to remind us of his promises to us:

A candle (or light) to remind us of the Way, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Bread to remind us of God's love, "I am the bread of life. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my body."

A cup, representing the cup of salvation. Through this, we remember Jesus' love that is poured out for all of us.

*People*      **God, we welcome your presence with us.  
May the food and companionship we share  
nourish our bodies, hearts and minds.  
And may our spirits be refreshed  
as we live in the light of your presence,  
with us now, and at all times and places. Amen.**

*Officiant*      As you break bread and drink of these cups, and let us be reminded that

*People*      **God loves us all.  
Jesus teaches us to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
Together we share God's love, hope, and peace with the world.**

*In silence, light the candle on your table, eat some bread or crackers, and drink from your cup.*

**O GRACIOUS LIGHT** *Phos hilaron*

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*chanted by Samantha Ferrara and David Dockery*

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**PSALM 116:1, 10-17**, *read responsively by the half-verse*

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1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me**  
**whenever I called upon him.**

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
**is the death of his servants.**

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant**  
**and the child of your handmaid;**  
**you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

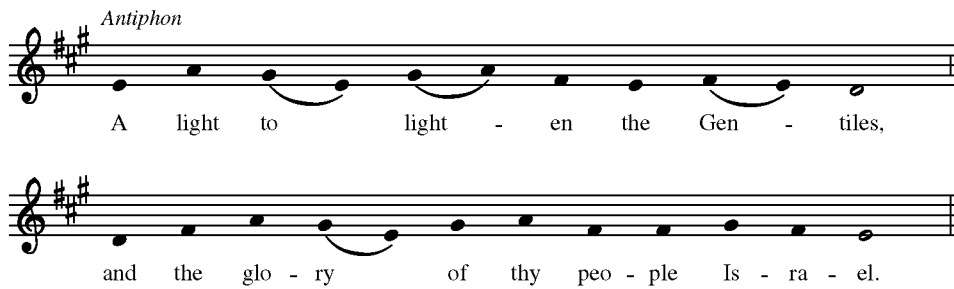
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE: The Song of Simeon**      *Nunc Dimittis*      *Luke 2:29-32*      BCP, p. 120

*S-395 chanted by Samantha Ferrara and David Dockery*

*The Antiphon is sung by all before and after the Nunc Dimittis, please stay muted while you sing:*



*Antiphon*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace, according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Antiphon*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**SECOND READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*Lector*      A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**OPPORTUNITY to share where we have seen God at work this week.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

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*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SUFFRAGES B

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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

**HYMN 304** stanzas 1-3      I come with joy to meet my Lord    *Please stay on mute & sing from home*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

*The Collect for Maundy Thursday*

Lord, you are always breaking apart our communities, our identities, our images of you: open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift, this fractured food, this feast where untouchables meet, human and divine; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace*

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Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Mission*

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Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings are shared either silently or aloud.*

**A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

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**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL AND GRACE**

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

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*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*