



April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday: Words of Institution Matthew 26:17-30

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Blessed Jesus, you knew of the betrayal to come, yet you shared your body and blood with all at the table. Forgive us when we are the ones who betray, and feed us always with your holy food. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus called Judas out during his final meal with his disciples. And yet, he invited Judas to share the bread and cup of forgiveness.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What would you say to Jesus if he sat at your table for his final meal on earth?
- For the littles: Who would you invite to a dinner party for Jesus? What would you serve? Jesus shared bread and wine with his best friends, the disciples, for his last meal on earth.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God welcome you to Christ's table. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

As you prepare for Good Friday, take time to be still and quiet in honor of this solemn event.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Friday, Matthew 27:27-61, *Crucifixion*

Saturday, Matthew 27:62-66, *The Guard at the Tomb*