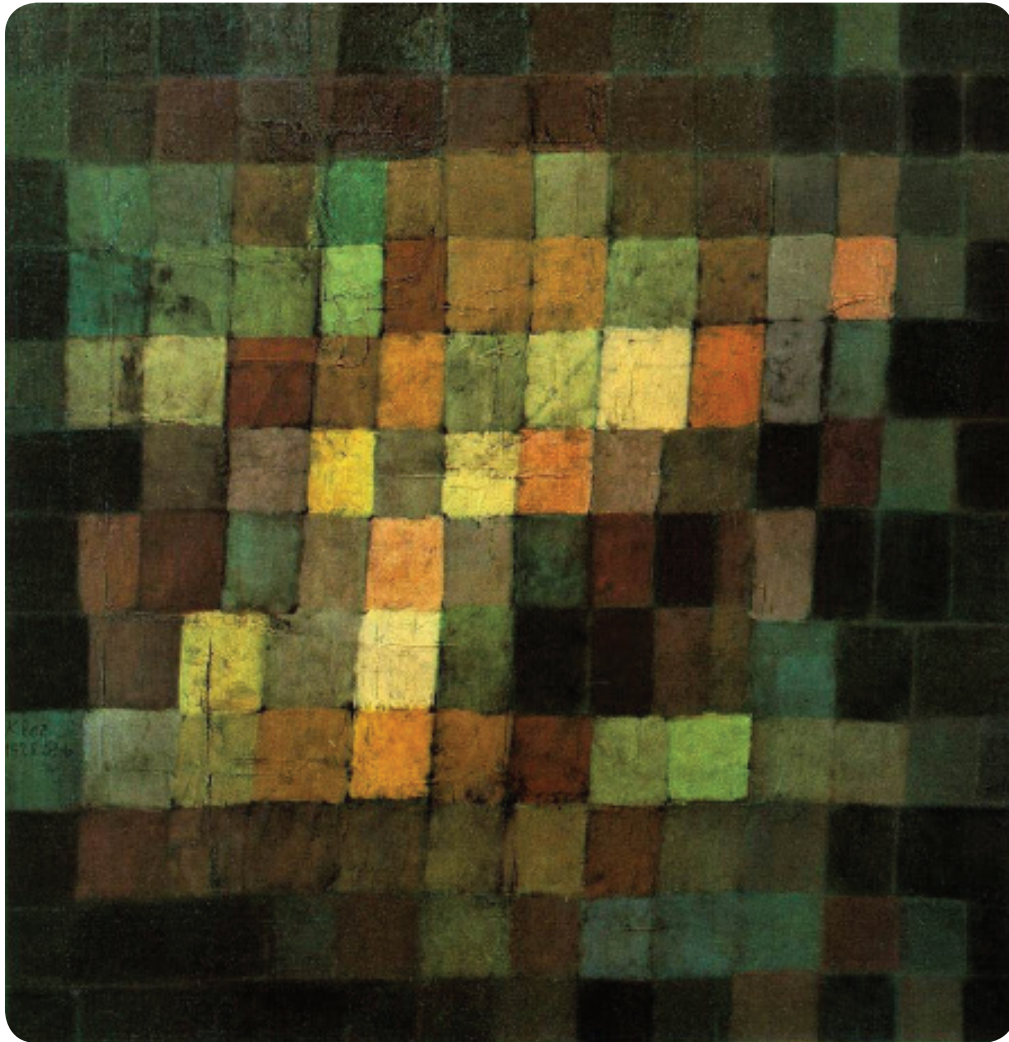




ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020
MAUNDY THURSDAY
AGAPE MEAL AT HOME



Ancient Sound by Paul Klee

1925, Oil on cardboard, 15 x 15 in, Kunstsammlung, Basel

JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY: 12:00 p.m. Worship on St. John's Live

EASTER: 10:00 a.m. Worship on KMTN (96.9 FM in Jackson/95.7 FM in Teton Valley)

Or Worship with us online at www.kmtn.live/

Hop in your car and join the Love-Spreading Scavenger Hunt!

A MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

FOOT WASHING

Foot-washing is an optional feature of the Maundy Thursday service. If you would like to include this in your celebration, fill a pitcher with warm water and place it, along with a bowl and a towel in front of a chair. The people whose feet are going to be washed come forward and seat themselves, and one of the others pours water on the foot, and dries it with the towel. Everyone should get a chance to have their feet washed and to wash another's feet, if they choose. You can also do a variation of this where you simply wash one another's hands by passing a bowl and pitcher around the table.

INVITATION TO THE FOOT WASHING

During the Foot (or hand) Washing the following is read.

JOHN 13:1-11

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."

TABLE LITURGY

All gather round the table. Decide who will lead the prayers.

THE OPENING PRAYER

Leader We join a solemn journey that has changed the world and our own lives.
Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago.

People **This is the night of love.**

Leader On this night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another.

People **This is the night of love.**

Leader On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember, to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same.

People **This is the night of love.**

Leader On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning.

People **This is the night of love.**

Leader This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome all to join us in hearing the commandment of our Lord and to feast at his table, that we may love one another as he has loved us.

People **Come, ye lonely.**
Come, ye thirsty.
Come, ye weary.
Come to the night of love.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

In the Jewish tradition the mother lights the Sabbath candle as she says, "Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat." The following is an adaptation of that prayer to be read by the eldest woman present, if possible.

Blessed are You, Loving God, who has sanctified us with God's commandments and commanded us to kindle the festival lights. Blessed are you, Loving God, who has kept and sustained us and brought us to this season. May our home be consecrated by the light of God's countenance shining upon us in the blessing and bringing us peace. We light a candle, to remind us of the way, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Leader Welcome to this meal. We are all invited to the common table to share in an Agape Feast. At this table we come as brothers and sisters in the Holy Family of God. Taste and see that God is good. We come to share in God's love.

People **We come to share our food and our lives.**

Leader We come to break bread together and open ourselves to each other.

People **We come to express our faith and our thanks.**

Leader May God bless this food and this fellowship.

People **As we share our food, we give thanks for this abundance, and we remember those who do not have enough.**

Leader May God give food to those who are hungry.

People **May God give us a hunger for justice, and a determination to serve those who hunger for food.**

Leader We thank you, God, for our daily bread for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us. We give thanks for this feast which we share, a foretaste of the Kingdom of God.

People **Loving 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.**

PASSING OF BREAD AND WINE

Leader Blessed are You, Lord our God, who brings forth bread from the earth. Bread is a symbol to remind us of God's love, "I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give is myself for the life of the world."

The bread is passed from person to person – each breaking off a small piece to feed their neighbor.

Leader Blessed are You, Lord our God, who creates the fruit of the vine. We drink this wine in remembrance of Jesus so that all who partake may be blessed and protected.

A glass of wine is passed from person to person, each taking a sip.



AFTER THE MEAL

1 JOHN 4:7-21 GOD'S LOVE AND OURS

A final reading is offered.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, bless each of us. In our times of need may we find a table spread in the wilderness and companions on the road. **Amen.**

