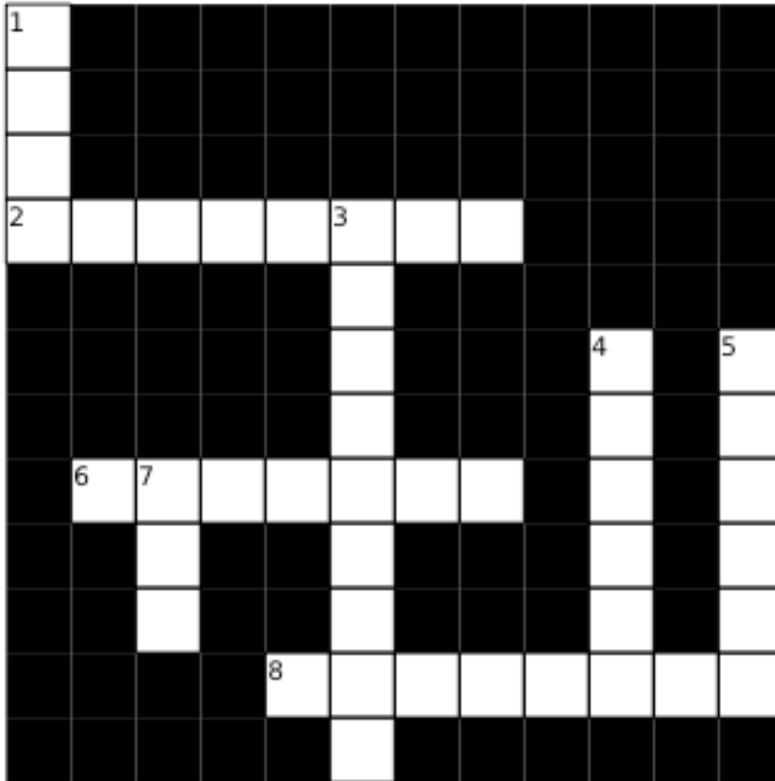


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

The color for Holy (Maundy) Thursday is white or purple.



Across

- 2 Today we celebrate Holy (Maundy) _____.
6 Jesus can _____ any sin no matter how big it seems.
8 Judas _____ Jesus.

Down

- 1 Peter said, "You shall never wash my _____."
3 Judas was one of the twelve _____.
4 Judas felt _____ after he betrayed Jesus.
5 Jesus _____ the disciples' feet.
7 Jesus said to "wash _____ another's feet."

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the Epistle reading from 1 Corinthians 11. What words do you hear that sound familiar? Who says these words? Where do we hear these words in the service? What does this say about what's happening in the service when we hear these words? Who is with us?

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-15

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Jesus do for the disciples?
- 2) What did Peter say when Jesus came to wash him?
- 3) Why did Jesus wash Peter's feet anyway, why was it necessary?
- 4) When did Jesus wash you, and what did He clean you from?
- 5) Jesus has bathed us, but when Jesus says we should "wash one another's feet" what does this mean?

People of the Bible: Judas

We hear about Judas in the Gospel reading. But who was Judas? Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. However, after following Jesus for three years, Judas betrayed Jesus when he led the soldiers and chief priests to Jesus so they could arrest Him. The word, "betray," means to deliver someone over to the enemy or be disloyal. Jesus knew that Judas was going to do this as we hear about in all four of the Gospels, and also in verse 11 in today's reading. Judas planned to betray Jesus and the chief priests paid Judas to give them the information. After Jesus went through the trial and was sentenced to be crucified, Judas felt very guilty. He tried to return the money to the chief priests but they didn't want it, so he threw it on the floor. Judas then went and hanged himself because he felt so bad about what he did. Judas should have repented of his sin and asked for forgiveness, but he must have thought it was too big of a sin to forgive and he couldn't live with it. Sometimes we do things we wish we hadn't done and we feel guilty too, but God can forgive any sin no matter how big we might think it is as long as we repent and ask for God's forgiveness.

Hymn of the Day – "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

- 1 & 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, Oh Jesus! O Jesus!