

Holy Thursday

On our table

Bread and wine

We pray

Gracious God

Allow us to draw near as we remember the great story of Jesus' last meal and his loving act of service.

Open our hearts and enable us to

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Amen

We recall

The story of the Last Supper of Jesus with his friends (John 13:1-15)

... When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table... 'I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done for you.' (Jn 13: 15)

We reflect

We think about the year past:

- Who have been models of service for us?
- How have we served each other?
- How have we experienced Jesus in the Eucharist?

We carry in our hearts

- The confidence that our God is near as we allow whatever is in our hearts to rise
- Deep gratitude for Jesus and his great love for his friends and all people
- Deep gratitude for Jesus as the one who showed his life-giving love through service and the sharing of his body and blood
- The memory of Jesus' commandment to love one another

We pray NUNC DIMITTIS
(Song of Simeon, prayed at the end of the day)

Keep us safe, Lord, while we are awake, and guard us as we sleep, so that we can keep watch with Christ and rest in peace.

Now, Master, you let your servant go in peace.
You have fulfilled your promise.
My own eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.
A light to bring the Gentiles from darkness;
the glory to Israel, your people.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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