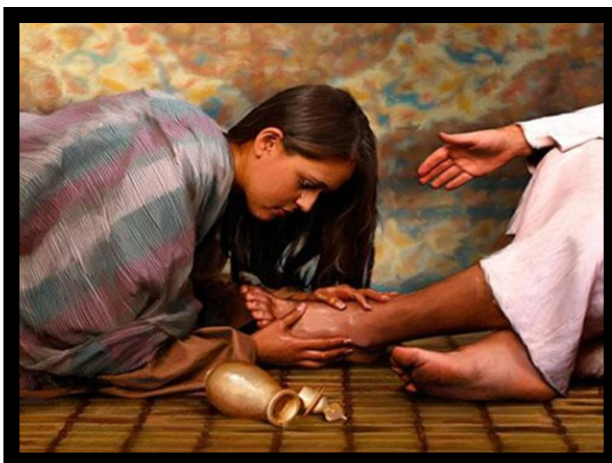


WORSHIP @ HOME



DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK EXTREME DEVOTION



Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/fOB73qRVGJs?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still.

The Greeting:

ALL: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'.

Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

Opening prayer and lighting of 4 candles:

Lord God, we come to worship,
and to be reminded of our Saviour's passion;
by the power of your Spirit,
help us to enter fully into the journey of Holy Week, that we may be prepared once again
for the celebration that is Easter Day.

We ask in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

Father God, help us to put you first every day and in every situation so the light from our flame grows tall, sending out more light to others.

ALL: Amen

Bible Reading:

A reading from John Chapter 12 verses 1-8.

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot—the one who was going to betray him—said, “Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A message:

A woman showed extravagant love and worship to Jesus as she anointed his feet with her tears and expensive perfume. Jesus showed extravagant love and mercy to her in return. Judas was angry, saying, ‘It was a waste of money that would have been better spent on the poor’ But Jesus replied, ‘She has done a beautiful thing for she is anointing him for his burial.’ Jesus will not cooperate with Judas’ plan for power. **Jesus has only four days to live.**

Activity:

Listen to the song ‘Said Judas to Mary’:

<http://www.viewpure.com/WfEPLMVXno?ref=search>

A time for reflection:

Reflect on these words:

The beauty of showing our love to Jesus is that He understands our seasons and situations. Spending time with him might not look the same now as it once did, but that does not mean that He loves our expression of love any less.

How do we express our love to Jesus?

Closing prayer:

Heavenly Father, remind us every day to spend time in the presence of our Saviour. Help us show love beyond measure to our Lord. Deepen our relationship with Him. Jesus gave such extravagant love to us on the cross. May we acknowledge this every day of our lives. May we live our lives devoted to you.

ALL: Amen.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.

To finish, keep a minute or two of silence. Rest in the Lords presence.

