

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Foot washing in church**  
**Stripping done by congregants**

**Equipment needed:**

- Pitchers (one more than number of bowls), bowls
- White and red towels
- Baskets to hold towels after foot washing
- Bowl, white wash cloth, 2 small white towels for altar washing
- Lamp for Sacristy

**Volunteers needed for stripping:**

- 1 or more to guide congregants
- 1 or more to direct traffic in Sacristy, make sure items are put in the correct place
- Someone to drape the cross after the service

**Prior to services:**

- Clean out all the portable communion kits and the nursing home kit
- Clear as much space as possible in the Sacristy and vestry room to store items after service
- Print out signs and place them in the Sacristy and the flower room indicating where items should go when they are brought off the altar
- Pitchers, bowls, are stored in sacristy, bring down towels from the attic
- Remove the flags and banners from the nave. The poles and stands can be stored along the walls of the vestry room
- Remove all kneelers, prayer books and LEVAS hymnals from the altar area
- Move one of the banner stand to the vestry room for holding the cross. Also get container holding hymn sign numbers for numbers taken down
- Set up a lamp in the Sacristy and vestry room, for light during stripping
- Place black paper over windows in Sacristy door and stairwell door
- Set up two chairs on either side of altar for people to sit for washing
- Set out black cross drape
- Set out black cross veils
- Set out black cloth to drape the bishop's chair

## **Service set-up**

### **Altar**

- Use silver – 2 chalices, 2 patens, 2 intinction cups.
- Set up with 50 wafers and 1 1/2 cups wine. Prepare like 10:30 a.m. service.
- No presentation of elements, put them on the gospel credence table.
- Remember to put out altar book/bulletin, gospel book readings book.
- Make sure plates are out for offering
- No chasuble

### **Foot Washing**

- Set out 2 foot washing stations with a bowl placed on a red towel, a pitcher full of hot water set on a red towel, and 6 white towels
- Set out 2 of the large baskets, beside each chair, for used towels
- Place a row of chairs in front of the pews on each side so that people coming forward have a place to sit and remove their shoes
- During the foot washing, be ready with an extra pitcher to replace empty pitchers.

### **Procedures for Stripping the Altar on Maundy Thursday**

1. Be at the church by 6:45 p.m. for instruction and a run-through and to find a cassock.
2. All Altar Guild members should wear black cassocks.
3. All those removing items should wear white gloves, including LEMs and acolyte. Have them out and available.
4. There will be an Altar Guild member in the Sacristy to direct traffic and to receive items as they come from the altar. Another member will direct stripping.
5. See Cindy's customary for specific stripping procedures.
6. Prepare the bowl of water, wash cloth, and towels for altar washing prior to the stripping.

### **After the service, set up for Good Friday**

- Put out the black draping for the cross and switch to black.
- All of the elements will be consumed after the service.
- Clean up as usual. Make sure the towels get laundered.
- Place 2 credence tables in the narthex for bulletins.
- Make sure alms basin is on the small table in the back of the church.