

Prayer Service 5 – Do this in memory of me

Place a candle on a cloth....and place a chalice and ciborium, bread and grapes on the cloth.

Leader: Gathered in the presence of one another and of God, we bring ourselves into the quiet of this space.....*PAUSE*.....and together we listen to the Word of God
PAUSE

Scripture Reading – John 13:12-15

Reader 1: When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.“Do you understand what I have done for you?”he asked them.“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
PAUSE

Reflection:

Reader 1: He was old, tired and sweaty; pushing his home made cart down the alley, stopping now and then to poke around in someone’s garbage. I wanted to tell him about Eucharist, but the look in his eyes, the despair in his face, the hopelessness of somebody else’s life in his cart told me to forget it. So, I smiled, and said “Hi.”.....
PAUSE

Reader 2: She lived alone. Her husband dead, her family gone. And she talked at you, not to you; words, endless words spewed out. So, I listened and listened. *PAUSE*

Reader 3: Teach me to sense your presence in another’s eyes.
To give your support in a hand held tight.
To pause and entrust to you
the challenges and the joys in the middle of a busy day.
To live mindful of your command,
when there is so much to be done but someone needs to talk. *PAUSE*

Reader 4: Jesus, I can hear you saying:
When I gave you my supper,
When I give you my sustenance,
When I gave you me,
I gave you Eucharist.
Go and do likewise *PAUSE*

Leader: Lord, may we go and do in memory of you:
in our relationships with others,
in our care of the earth
in our commitment to justice and peace,
in our sharing of the Good News.
May you be our inspiration and our guide.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**