

Easter →
Diane

cardboard
12" x 48"

Cover the back
window.
Leave off the
back projector?

Maundy Thursday Worship 2012

Gathering: People enter and take their seats.

The room is semi dark (cover the windows).

The Communion Table is illuminated, but the candles are not lit.

Greeting

Music: #2254 "In Remembrance of Me"

Confession and Pardon.

Prayer for Illumination

Deeper red

Drama #1: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (NRSV).

Lights: ↑ ½ way on door frame. Turn door spotlight ON remotely.

Narrator stands stage right and reads:

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

All house lights ↓. Show clip from “Prince of Egypt.”

Agnes enters from the behind the left screen, dips a sponge in red paint and marks the doorposts and lintel with paint.

Music: “El Shaddai”

Diane moves Steve to the desk during the song.

Lights: Turn door spotlight OFF remotely. ↓ door frame. ↑ ½ way on Paul’s desk.

Diane lights the candle on the desk.

Steve picks up the feather pen and writes.

Drama #2: 1 Corinthians 11:1-2, 23-26 (NRSV). Narrator reads:

Hear these words written by the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth:

^{11:1}Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. ²I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I handed them on to you.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Music: #2254 “In Remembrance of Me” stanza one

Diane extinguishes the candle on the desk. Lights: ↓ Paul’s desk.

Diane helps Steve move offstage during this song.

**Jesus and the disciples enter from the right,
then move to the table laden with real food and drink.**

**Jesus faces the congregation. Peter is opposite Jesus. The other disciples take
their seats around the table, light the candles, eat and drink.**

Lights: ↑ ½ way on Last Supper.

Drama #3: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV).

Narrator: ¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Jesus' and the disciples' actions follow the narration.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter.

Simon Peter: Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus: You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

Simon Peter: You will never wash my feet.

Jesus: Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

Simon Peter: Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!

Jesus: One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.

Narrator: ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he spoke to them.

Jesus: Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Lights remain on the Last Supper.

Jesus, the disciples, and the narrator leave the chancel.

Mark preaches a brief message from behind the table.

Thanksgiving and Communion.

Ken (Jesus) and Fred (Peter) will serve communion (use pita bread).

Mark will move to the foot washing station at the front right pew.

After communion people can choose to kneel in prayer, sing ("Let Us Break Break Together" and "They'll Know We Are Christians"), participate in foot washing, return to their seats.

Prayer/Benediction. Leave in silence.

Communion
Bread
in
front
(covered)
make
sure
Mark knows
which pitcher