

Holy Washing of The Feet

The Honouring of the Messiah according to John 1:1-14

M In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

A Through Him all things were made;
and from all that exists,
nothing was made without Him.

M In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

A The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness did not take it in.

M Heavenly Father, Eternal God.
Your son is the source of life and the light of the world.
We want to light the candles to His glory.
May Your peace, Your heavenly blessing
infuse this celebration. Be gracious to us
and let Your Holy Spirit dwell among us
in ever increasing fullness.

Merciful Father, continue to safeguard us in Your love.
Make us worthy to follow Your Son, the Messiah,
to obey His word, to be steadfast in love
and faithful in our ministries.
Keep darkness and discouragement far from us
and grant that peace, light and joy will dwell in our house.

A For You are the source of life, and in Your light we see the light.

The Lighting of the Candles: *The “mother of the house” lights the candles and prays with hands held over them in blessing.*

M Blessed are You, Lord our God!
On the first day of creation You created the light.
On the day resurrection you honoured Your Son to be the everlasting light,
Whom You sent in order to begin the New Creation through Him.
Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe,
Who has consecrated us through Your commandments
and commanded us to light the candles in honour of your Son.

A Blessed are You forever, Lord, our God!

Hymnus „O Light of Light“

**O Light of Light, by love inclined,
Jesus, Redeemer of mankind,
With loving-kindness deign to hear
From suppliant voices praise and prayer.**

**Thou who to raise our souls from hell
Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,
Vouchsafe us, when our race is run,
In Thy fair body to be one.**

**More bright by day Thy face did show,
Thy raiment whiter than the snow,
When on the mount to mortals blest
Man's maker Thou was manifest.**

**Two prophets, that had faith to see,
With Thine elect found company,
Where unto each, divinely shown,
The Godhead veiled in form was known.**

**The heavens above His glory named,
The Father's voice the Son proclaimed;
To whom, the King of glory now,
All faithful hearts adoring bow.**

**May all who seek Thy praise aright
Through purer lives show forth Thy light;
So to the brightness of the skies
By holy deeds our hearts shall rise.**

**Eternal God, to Thee we raise,
The King of kings, our hymn of praise,
Who Three in One and One in Three
Doth live and reign eternally.**

20:50 Time of Worship & Praise

21:00 Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 22, 14-20) (out of plenary)

Reading from the Gospel of John (Jn 13, 1-17)

Reading from the Gospel of John (Jn 17, 21-26)

21:05 Short Preaching on the Bible texts (Pat)

21:15 Prayer over the Water (© The Archbishops' Council 2015)

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We praise you for your Son Jesus,
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He has passed through the deep waters of death
and in his resurrection he opened for all the way of salvation.

Now send your Holy Spirit over this water,
that those who are washing their feet in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ for ever.

All: Amen.

The assembly meets in the 6 Groups – which have been organized before the celebration

- participants take off their socks
- One begins to wash the feet of his/her neighbor
- The one who has been washed – does the same to his/her neighbor
- We stay in solemn silence – (Maybe instrumental music in back)

20:30 Short time of free Thanks-Giving (Plenary)

20:40 Our Father (together – we join hands - everyone in his/her language)

20:43 Aronic Blessing & Dismissing