

Today's Devotional is provided by Rev. Dr. Robin Hawley Gorsline

On Our Feet

Moses told the Hebrews to prepare for their journey of liberation by eating prescribed food and marking their doors with the blood of lamb on which they feasted.

They set off, on foot,
through desert and sea
to and throughout the land promised by God.

The ancients used their feet, just as we do—
dirty, calloused, twisted, arthritic,
gnarled, hard or soft,
massaged with oil, too, sweet scented or not,
smelly sweaty feet common—
all sorts and conditions of human feet.
on journeys called by God.



Now here is something very strange:
Rabbi Jesus wants to wash our feet —
even Peter's, who, of course, objects as he always does.
Is there ever a time when there is not
at least one Peter in the group,
one long ago offended by the idea
of his Lord stooping to wash feet,
like today's recoiling at showing
the imperfection of feet, even more
at being asked to touch others'?

Today, on Passover, Jews everywhere,
believers or not, gather to share bitter herbs,
unleavened bread, greens, *haroset*, and lamb or substitute.
Most Christians avoid Jesus
when it comes to feet. Strange.
So many ask, “What would Jesus do?”
How about: what he did?
Just not with feet.

A preacher said, “Jesus touched his heart
and there was healing in his hands.”
I want healed feet
for miles ahead, years, I pray,
of journeying with God. I need strong, resilient feet
empowered to support journeys from my Egypts
to new worlds promised again and again.
I want company, too, I can’t make it alone.
Let me bless yours with living water, sacred touch,
our Jesus feet guiding us all the way together.

NOTE: Jews begin the eight days of Passover at sundown tonight, April 8.