

The Roman Missal offers several antiphons for the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper washing of feet. These have been adapted into a hymn. Verse 7, 8, or 9 may be used as a refrain, or the hymn could be sung straight through. The tune is from the hymn "Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet," which has an obvious parallel: Our tears of repentance have bathed Christ's feet in Lent, now he bathes ours.

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- 1. At Supper's end, arose our Saving Lord, Who in a basin cleansing water poured.
- 2. He stooped to wash his own disciples' feet, He left them an example to repeat.
- 3. Peter replied, "Are you to wash my feet?" "If I do not, you have no share in me."
- 4. Do you not see what I have done for you; What I, your Lord and Master, chose to do?
- 5. I gave you this example to recall,
  That you should likewise do for one and all.
- 6. What I now do, you may not comprehend, But in due time you'll come to understand.
- 7. This way the world will know that you are mine, If love for one another is the sign.
- 8. I give a new commandment unto you: Love one another as I have loved you.
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