## PLAY TWENTY-SEVEN – The Last Supper

## (The Bakers)

**JESUS**  Peace be both be day and night
Unto this house and to all that is here.
Here will I hold as I have \*hight (\*promised)
The feast of \*Paas with friends in \*\*feere. (\*Passover) (\*\*fellowship)

**MARCELUS**  Master, we have arrayed full right
Service that seems for your supper:
Our lamb is roast, and ready \*dight (\*prepared)
As Moses’ law will \*lely \*\*lere. (\*faithfully) (\*\*teach)

**JESUS**  That is, \*ilke man that has (\*each)
People in his own \*posté (\*power)
Shall roast a lamb at \*Paas (\*Passover)
To him and his \*many. (\*household)

**ANDREAS**  Master, the custom well we know
That with our elders ever has been,
How \*ilke man with his \*\*many owe (\*each, every) (\*\*household)
To roast a lamb and eat it clean.

**JESUS**  I thank you \*soothly of your \*\*saw, (\*truly) (\*\*speech)
For ye say as yourself has seen;
Therefore array you all on row,
Myself shall part it you between.
Wherefore I will that ye
Eat thereof every \*ilkone; (\*each one)
The remnant parted shall be
To the poor that purveys none.

Of Moses’ laws here make I an end
In some part, but not in all;
My commandment shall otherwise be \*kenned (\*known)
With them that men shall craftily call.
But the lamb of \*Pasc that here is spend, (\*Pascal, Passover)
Which Jews uses great and small,
Ever forward now I it defend
For Christ’s folk whatso befall.
In that \*stead shall be set (\*place)
A new law us between,
But who thereof shall eat
Behoves to be washed clean.

For that new law whoso shall \*lere, (\*learn)
In heart them must be clean and chaste.
Marcelle, mine own disciple dear,
Do us have water here in haste.

**MARCELUS**  Master, it is all ready here,
And here a towel clean to taste.

**JESUS**  Come forth with me, all in \*feere; (\*fellowship, company)
My words shall not be wrought in waste.
Set your feet forth, let see:
They shall be washed soon.

**PETRUS**  Ah, Lord, with thy leave, of thee
That deed shall not be done.

I shall never make my members meet
Of my sovereign service to see.

**JESUS**  Peter, \*but if thou let me wash thy feet, (\*unless)
Thou gets no part in bliss with me.

**PETRUS**  Ah, mercy, Lord and master sweet,
Out of that bliss that I not be,
Wash on, my Lorde, to all be \*wete, (\*known)
Both head and hand, beseech I thee.

**JESUS**  Petir, thou \*wots not yet (\*knows)
What this work will be-mean.
Hereafter shall thou \*wit, (\*understand)
And so shall ye all, \*bedene. (\*obediently, bidden)

          *Tunc lavat manus*.  **[Then he washes his hands]**

Your Lord and master ye me call,
And so I am, all wealth to wield.
Here have I knelt unto you all
To wash your feet as ye have feeled.
Example of me take ye shall
Ever for to \*yeme in youth and \*\*eld, (\*attend, care) (\*\*old age)
To be \*buxsome in bower and hall, (\*obedient)
\*Ilkone for to bid other \*\*belde. (\*Each, every one) (\*\*shelter, comfort)
For all if ye be true
And \*lele of love \*\*ilkone, (\*faithful, loyal) (\*\*each, every one)
Ye shall find others \*ay new (\*ever, always)
To grieve when I am gone.

**JACOBUS**  Now since our master says he shall
Wend and will not tell us whither,
Which of us shall be principal,
Let look now whilst we dwell together.

**JESUS**  I \*wot your will, both great and small, (\*know)
And your high hearts I hear them hither,
To which of you such fare should fall;
That might ye carp when ye come thither
Where it so should betide
Of such matters to \*melle. (\*tell, discuss)
But first behoves you bide
\*Fayndyngis full fierce and fell. (\*trials)

Here shall I set you for to see
This young child for examples \*seere. (\*diverse\_
Both meek and mild of heart is he
And from all malice merry of cheer,
So meek and mild but if ye be
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(This presumably deals with the breaking of bread and drinking of wine.)

**[JESUS]**   *Quod facis fac cicius*, **[That which you do, do quickly.]**
That thou shall do, do soon.

**THOMAS**  Alas, so \*wilsom \*wights as we (\*wilful) (\*\*souls, people)
Was never in world walking in \*wede; (\*madness, fury)
Our master says his own \*many (\*company, household)
Has betrayed him to sinful seed.

**JACOBUS MAJOR**  Ah, I hope, since thou sits next his knee,
We pray thee spur him for our speed.

**JOHANNES**  *Domine, quis est qui tradit te?* **[Lord, who has betrayed you?]**
Lord, who shall do that doleful deed?
Alas, our play is past,
This false fore-word is fast;
I may no longer last,
For \*bale mine heart may burst. (\*sorrow, torment)

**JUDAS**  Now is time to me to \*gang, (\*go, journey)
For here begins \*noye all of new. (\*noise, annoyance)
My fellows mumbles them among
That I should all this bargain brew,
And \*certis they shall not \*wene it wrong. (\*certainly, surely) (\*think)
To the prince of priests I shall pursue,
And they shall \*lere him other ought long (\*teach)
That all his \*saws sore shall him rue. (\*teachings, sayings)
I \*wot whether he removes (\*know)
With his \*many \*\*ilkone, (\*company, household) (\*\*each, everyone)
I shall tell to the Jews
And \*tyte he shall be ta(ke)n. (\*bound, swiftly)

**JESUS**  I warn you now, my friends free,
Cease to the \*saws that I shall say: (\*words, teachings)
The fiend is wroth with you and me,
And will you mar if that he may;
But Peter I have prayed for thee
So that thou shall not dread his \*dray; (\*attack)
And comfort thou this \*many (\*company, household)
And \*wise them when I am gone away. (\*advise, teach)

**PETRUS**  Ah, Lord, where wilt thou \*lende? (\*live, land)
I shall \*lend in that \*\*stead, (\*live) (\*\*place)
And with thee shall I wend
Evermore in life and dead.

**ANDREAS**  No worldly dread shall me withdraw
That I shall with thee live and die.

**THOMAS**  \*Certis, so shall we all on row, (\*Certainly, surely)
Else \*mickle woe were we worthy. (\*great)

**JESUS**  Peter, I say to thee this \*saw, (\*teaching, speech)
That thou shalt find no fantasy.
This \*ilke night ere the cock’s crow (\*same)
Shall thou three times my name deny
And say thou knew me never
Nor no \*many of mine. (\*company, household)

**PETRUS**  Alas, Lord, me were \*lever (\*rather)
Be put to endless pain.

**JESUS**  As I you say, so shall it be;
Ye needs none other recourse to crave.
All that in world is written of me
Shall be fulfilled, for knight or knave.
I am the (shep)herd, the sheep are ye,
And when the herd shall harms have,
The flock shall be full \*fayne to flee (\*eager)
And succour seek themself to save.
Ye shall when I am slain
In great misliking \*lende, (\*live)
But when I rise again,
Than shall your mirth be mend.

Ye have been bound my \*bale to beat, (\*torment, suffering)
Therefore your \*belde \*\*ay shall I be; (\*shield, comfort) (\*ever, always)
And for ye did in dry and wet
My commandments in \*ilke country. (\*each, every)
The kingdom of heaven I you \*behete (\*behest, promise)
Even as my Father has \*highte it me. (\*promised)
With ghostly meat there shall we meet,
And on twelve \*seeges sit shall ye, (\*seats)
For ye truly took \*yeme (\*care, attention)
In world with me to dwell,
There shall ye sit \*bydene (\*bidden, obeyed)
Twelve \*kinds of Israel. (\*kindreds, tribes)

But first ye shall be \*will of wone, (\*wild of living)
And more \*wathes than ye of \*wene (\*dangers) (\*\*know)
From time shall come that I be torn;
Than shall ye turn away with \*tene. (\*sorrow)
And look that ye have swords \*ilkone, (\*each one)
And whoso have none you between
Shall sell his coat and buy him one:
Thus bid I that ye do \*bedene. (\*bidden, obediently)
Satchels I will ye have
And stones to stint all strife
Yourself for to save
In lengthening of your life.

**ANDREAS**  Master, ye have here swords two
Us with to save on sides \*seere. (\*separate, apart)

**JESUS**  It is enough, ye needs no mo(re),
For from all \*wathes I shall you \*\*were. (\*dangers) (\*\*ward, warn)
But rise now up, for we will go,
By this our enemies ordained are.
My Father said it shall be so;
His bidding will I not forbear.
Look ye learn forth this law
As ye have heard of me:
All that well will it know,
\*Ay blessed shall they be. (\*ever, always)