

## 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  
The feast of \*Paas with friends in \*\*feere.

(\*promised)  
(\*Passover) (\*\*fellowship)

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

(\*prepared)  
(\*faithfully) (\*\*teach)

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

(\*each)  
(\*power)  
(\*Passover)  
(\*household)

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

(\*each, every) (\*\*household)

**JESUS** I thank you \*soothly of your \*\*saw,  
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;  
The remnant parted shall be  
To the poor that purveys none.

(\*truly) (\*\*speech)

(\*each one)

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

(\*known)

(\*Pascal, Passover)

(\*place)

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)