

## Called to be washers of feet



Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. After supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and was going to God, arose from supper, and laid aside his outer garments. He took a towel, and wrapped a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "You don't know what I am doing now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "Someone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed, but is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." For he knew him who would betray him, therefore he said, "You are not all clean." So when he had washed their feet, put his outer garment back on, and sat down again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me,

'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You say so correctly, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Most certainly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his lord, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

John 13:1-17

**Most Blessed One, we come into your loving presence each with our own story & experiences. You reach out to embrace and welcome us. Source of all life and wonder, you are a God who dances, creates and laughs. You take delight in each and every one of us. Jesus speaks of You as Abba, knowing the number of hairs on our heads and delighting in answering our prayers and needs. We are now charged with being Your Son's voice, face, hands and feet. Help us to know Him and to recognise Him in the faces of those we meet in daily living. As He cared so much for all who came to Him, so may we reach out and serve Him in those who need His love, healing and understanding. Help us to love especially those we find difficult. May we follow him as washers of feet and so be true builders of the Kingdom Amen** (Declan 2010)

