

# Where's Your Chair?

Maundy Thursday



I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.  
Psalm 116:12-13

## **Praising:**

And after Supper, he washed their feet for service, too, is sacrament. In him our joy shall be made complete sent out to serve, as he was sent.

## **Reading:**

John 13:1-17  
Jesus washes their feet

Peter struggles to grasp what Jesus is doing in washing the disciples' feet. He fails to see that the love of Jesus in dying for our sins is the one true bath of spiritual purification. If we have been washed in that love by coming to the Lord in shame and sorrow, then our relationship with God is restored. But even one of the two towering figures of the early church has to realise, that it will only be a matter of time

before he will let God down again and need to be re-washed. It's this follow-up cleansing that Jesus offers to the disciples and to us. If Baptism is the bath, then allowing Christ to wash our feet is us telling God we're sorry when we get things wrong – again and again and again.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We praise God for our washing in Baptism and pray

- for a willingness to examine our lives before him frankly and honestly
- for a readiness to receive Christ's cleansing as and when we stumble and fall short
- for an openness to the Spirit to grow closer to God in love, obedience and holiness

Father: Jesus shows me a different kind of power and a higher form of glory, the sort that serves, kneels and washes – and that calls for me to do likewise.  
Amen

## **Doing:**

Thursday, 24 March 2016