

From the Rector's Study, the Rev. Bryce Sangster  
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Maundy Thursday  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The ideas and items for today are Bread, Wine, and Foot washing.  
We will have communion as you see in the bulletin, but the concentration is on the foot washing.

But are they connected? The bread and wine obviously, but the foot washing?  
The summary of the law.... Love God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself.

It is interesting that most Sundays we remember with the bread and wine, but when was the last time you were involved in a foot washing?

This foot washing is the action lived out to show what Jesus says at the end.  
*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

On Monday, for my bible reading for devotion I read John 8:1-11 and Mark 9:30-41.

The woman caught in adultery, and Jesus saying whoever welcomes a little child welcomes me and the greatest, the first must be last.

Jesus did not say the woman had not done wrong, he said, whoever has not sinned may throw the first stone. Which gets me thinking this is realizing those whom we symbolically wash their feet are not perfect, and we may not feel they are worthwhile, but then are we?

And thus, the challenge is to move from judgement to love and belonging.  
I don't believe this means we are blind to who people are and their faults, but that we see them and us in the context of the whole picture of who they are. That we and they are children of God.

Amen