

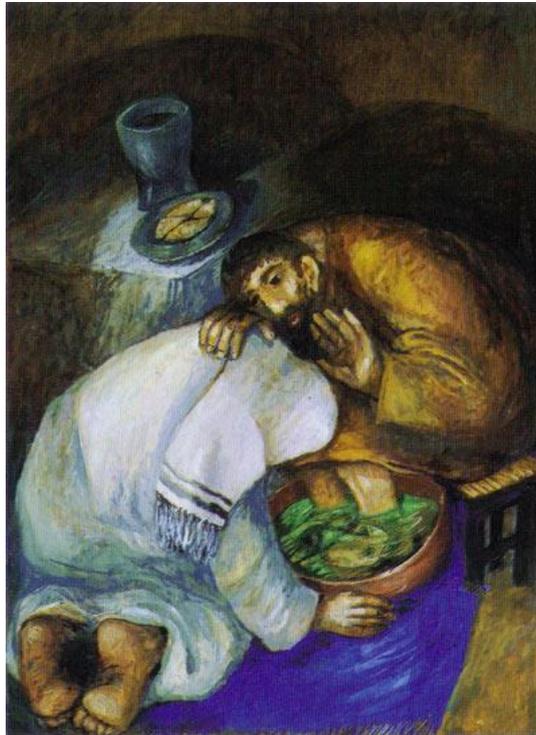
Morning Service – Sunday March 7th 2021

St Michael's Blundellsands

3rd Sunday in Lent

Easter in Art 2

The Foot Washing by Sieger Koder



Hymn Meekness and majesty

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Welcome and Notices

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.

Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ says 'If you love me, keep my commandments'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me'

Let us confess to Almighty God our sins against his love and ask him to cleanse us.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Church and Community Hall Refurbishment

Reading: John 13 v 4-12 Read by Margaret

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Talk 1: By Helen

Song: How Sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

Prayers: Read by Jane

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign now and for ever. **Amen.**

Spirit of God, creative inspiration of all that we do which is beautiful and of good report, we thank you for paintings, sculpture, music, drama and literature, and all the endeavours which point us beyond ourselves. We thank you for all such enrichments of our humanity and for the rededication of our lives which can flow from these encounters. **Amen.**

As we think about Jesus washing the disciples feet let us give thanks for water.

We praise and thank You, Lord, for the gift of water. Water for drinking, water for washing, water to sit and walk by, water to sail upon and swim in.

Guide us to use it wisely, learn from its humility and protect its purity.

Most of all we thank you that you are the living water that brings us true life. **Amen.**

We say together the Lord's Prayer:

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever.

Amen.

Talk 2: By Helen

Blessing

This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Servant King

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