



THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

Dean The Very Rev'd Wendy Scott



Dean's Message for Maundy Thursday:

E te whanau a te Karaiti

Tēnei te mihi ki a tātou katoa, mo te māuiui Covid-19

I'm so conscious of what might have been, as I experienced for the first time Holy Week in the life of our Cathedral. You will see many options on line of ways to engage and thanks for taking the time to undertake these offerings of contemplation and worship. Some of you will note that I have not offered a "virtual sacrament".

My theology surrounding sacramental ministry is that we do this together as the Body of Christ, united in each other's presence and prayers. I pray the Eucharistic prayer on your behalf, as I hold up the bread and cup I offer these words which reminds us "do this in remembrance of me."

So this is my sacrifice and yours as we are unable to meet as the people of God in St Peter's Cathedral. To be denied one of our key components of worship through this period of social isolation, to protect the vulnerable, for the sake of our health system not to be put it under unnecessary strain. I choose to wait until we can be gathered together again.

May God watch over you, keep you and those you love safe, and the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit be yours.

Arohanui, Wendy.

Prayer resource for Maundy Thursday 09.04.2020

While we are unable to meet as a congregation, let us each spend a little time in God's presence to be mindful of the mystery and significance of this season, and to pray for ourselves, for each other, and for the world.

As well as marking the inauguration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, which we are at present sadly prevented from celebrating together, Maundy Thursday, the day we remember Jesus sharing His last meal, the Passover meal, with His disciples, reminds us of two cardinal teachings of Jesus', His washing of His disciples' feet as an example of service to one another, and His New Commandment that we should love one another.

'Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.'
Ps 19:14

Slowly and carefully read two or three times the following excerpts of the Gospel for the day, paying attention to any words or phrases that particularly strike you.

John 13:13-15, 34-35

Jesus said, 'You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have one for you. 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.'

While you think about those phrases in this passage which stood out for you, imagine yourself at the Last Supper. What does it feel like to have Jesus wash your feet, a task usually performed by a servant or slave? Picture to yourself our cathedral community participating together in the Eucharist. Think about what Jesus' New Commandment means for you and for our community, especially during this time of crisis.

Readings set down for today are:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Cor 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31-35

As a conclusion, pray the collect for Maundy Thursday:

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him; give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Points:

Each Sunday we pray for our world, our country and our own needs.

Please pray: God in your mercy, hear our prayer

I want to commend to you undertaking a daily rhythm of prayer at this time, it can help give you a sense of grounding for your day especially while we're in isolation. There are a number of options on the diocesan web site. If you don't have access, sitting quietly at 9am & 7pm, lighting a candle, reading the scriptures, (the daily readings are provided here for you, praying and giving thanks for the ways God has blessed your day.



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Morning Prayer for the week commencing 13th April

<p>Monday 13th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 111 • Exodus 12:1 - 14 • 1 Cor 15:1 - 11 	<p>Tuesday 14th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 112 • Exodus 12:14 - 36 • 1 Cor 15:12 - 19 	<p>Wednesday 15th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 113 • Exodus 12:37 - end • 1 Cor 15:20 - 28
<p>Thursday 16th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 114 • Exodus 13:1 - 16 • 1 Cor 15: 29 - 34 	<p>Friday 17th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 115 • Exoodus 13:17 - 14:14 • 1 Cor 15:35 - 50 	<p>Saturday 18th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 116 • Exodus 14:15 - end • 1 Cor 15:51 - end

For our children:

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