

The Easter Triduum Maundy Thursday 2024

Our readings for the Mass of the Lord's Supper link to the Passover meal.



For the Jewish people, this is a special celebration remembering the meal they shared in the land of Egypt before leaving for the Promised Land; remembering how God saved them from their slavery; remembering God's goodness to them.



In the Gospel, Jesus is celebrating the Passover with his friends. He does something unusual, however – he washes his friends' feet, just as a servant would do. The second reading tells us of the other unique event that took place at this Passover.

“The Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.”



This feast is a great feast of love. Jesus shows his love by washing his friends' feet. Jesus shows his love for each of us by giving himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus shows his love by commanding us, "Love one another as I have loved you".

How do we respond to this amazing love?

How do we show that we are servants to others as Jesus was?

How do we acknowledge Jesus in the Eucharist?

How do we love one another?



Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.

— Pope Francis —

As we enter into the Triduum, let us open our hearts to Jesus, who, by his Life, Death and Resurrection shows us the way to live our lives as his friends. The Oil of Chrism that was blessed with other oils at the Chrism Mass was used at our baptism to anoint us Priest, Prophet and King. Sharing in the priesthood of Jesus, we are called to bring love, tenderness and compassion to others. As prophets, we are called to proclaim justice, peace and love in our world and to stand up for the poor and marginalised. Our baptismal kingship invites us to walk with Jesus the servant king. So let us walk with Jesus in this Easter Triduum as the community of The Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead. By sharing in his Passion, we shall be able to rejoice in his Resurrection.

