

Prayer at 12:00 noon



*John 13:3-5, 34 - Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

O God, we give you thanks that Jesus made the point so plainly. Not just words about service, not just a Google image. But to put on the clothes of a servant as his friends assembled for the supper. To kneel down at their feet. To wash their feet with his own two hands and not worry about how long it took. Lovingly, carefully, thoughtfully preparing them for the evening that was to come. Then telling them that the act of service was love – it was God's love – as certain as his hands on their feet.

Are we ready to be known as servants and not masters, O God? You have prepared the way with the story, and this commandment to love through service. You have prepared our hearts and cleansed our every fear with compassion.

Give us humility, O God, that we may walk with Jesus, robed as servants, ready to welcome, and care, and serve your children in creation. Amen