



Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

Maundy Thursday 9th April 2020



As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation.

SENTENCE

This is the day when Christ the true Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

This is the day when Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day when Christ took the towel and washed his disciples' feet showing the way to serve others as he himself served us.

This is the day when Christ gave us this Holy Meal that we may eat the bread and drink the cup to proclaim his death until he comes again.

The Collect

Grant, Lord, that we who receive the holy sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be the means by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward: take, consecrate, break and distribute us, to be for others a means of your grace, and vehicles of your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 13.1 - 11

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were at supper, and the devil had already put into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from the table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand." "Never!" said Peter "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me." "Then, Lord," said Simon Peter "not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus said, "No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are." He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, "though not all of you are." When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. "Do you understand" he said "what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you."

Silence is kept

Homily

INTERCESSIONS

On this solemn evening, in union with Christ's prayer that all may be one, as he and the Father are one, we pray for the unity of all Christians.

Father, we pray for Christians throughout the world, that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope *Francis* that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the Eastern Orthodox Churches and for their Patriarchs and Archbishops that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the Uniting Church and Reformed Churches and their leaders that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for all churches that have covenanted with us and for their leaders that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the Anglican Communion and for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the Church of the Province of Victoria and for Philip our Metropolitan. We pray for this diocese and for Clarence our Bishop that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for this parish and all its people and for its clergy that we may be one.

That we may be one.

We pray for the unity of all Christian people, that the world may believe that we may be one.

That we may be one.

Almighty Father, your Son our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you; regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is according to your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**