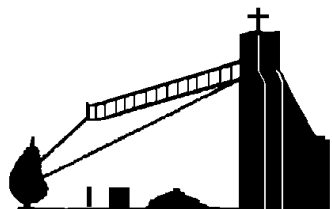


St Anne's Church West Heath

Maundy Thursday



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Exodus 12 1-4 11-14

1 Corinthians 11 23-26

John 13 1-17, 31b-35

Thought for the Day: Why their feet? by Ian Bradley

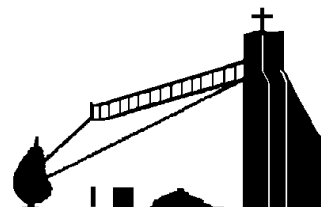
Why, at the supper in the upper room, did Jesus not anoint, or wash, the disciples' heads, if this was to be a symbol of their baptism-for-mission? Why their feet? (John 13 3-5)

It was because, prior to this, the disciples had been arguing about their social status in heaven. The foot-washing was to teach them humility and service.

Had Jesus anointed their heads, this would more clearly have defined the 'master-servant' relationship; instead, the foot-washing showed to the disciples that the man in high office was the servant of all.

St Anne's Church West Heath

Good Friday



Collect

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 52 13-53 end

Hebrews 10 16-25

John 18 1 – 19 end

Thought for the Day: Truth is by Ian Bradley

We can see in the New Testament, particularly in John's Gospel, where truth is represented in the life and person of Jesus.

In spite of his silence when Pilate asked the question 'what is truth?', Jesus is seen as living truth, the truth-in-the-flesh. Jesus was, at one and the same time, the goal (life) of our perfection, the path (way) by which it was attained, and the reality (truth) underpinning that life.

It was Jesus' purpose to teach his followers truth, in order to make them free. They were to worship God in spirit and in truth.