

Thought for the day – Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024

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Steven Shakespeare - John 13.1-17. 31-35

“You do not know now what I am doing”

We did not know:
when you took off the robe of power
and knelt before the water.

We did not know:
when your love took away from us
the dirt of the weary road.

But now we can see:
In the work of carers and nurses
in hospitals and homes.

Every dressing changed, every bedpan emptied,
every breath eased, every foot washed,
a sacrament of care.

Teach us the new commandment:
a revolution of love
beyond shame and honour,
beyond power and control.

Teach us the authority of service given:
community created,
Hope renewed
in the shadow of death and fear.

“You do not know now what I am doing
but later you will understand.”

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When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he set them an example.
May we love one another.