Holy Thursday | Year A **6th April**

**Welcome before Mass**:

Kia ora,

Tonight we begin the most sacred time of the Church’s year with the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, three events; The Lord’s Supper, The Passion of the Lord, and the Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection, which together form one liturgy. On this night Christ gave us the Eucharist and prayed we would be one, as he and the Father are one.

Let us gather our collective prayers and enter into a time of short silence.

(10 seconds of silence). Let us stand and sing together the entrance hymn.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the church that bears Christ’s name** – that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another .

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority** – that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For those who are hungry and thirsty** – that through the generosity of people, they will have what they need to live fulfilling and fruitful lives.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For those who live in the midst of abundance** – that they will appreciate what they have and share generously with those who have less.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For those who are dealing with loss or facing death** – that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For our local community of … (What are the needs of your locality – housing, health, truancy, an accident… Please discern the needs of your locality and compose a petition.)**

**Concluding Prayer**

God of infinite compassion, who in the gift of your Son have caused us to pass over from sin and death in Baptism, transform us, we pray, in the image of your Son, that our sacrifices and works of loving service may bear witness to the reality of your love for the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.