Holy Thursday| Year B | 28th March

**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 sing together and let us celebrate this liturgy with joy.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that as Christ nourishes the whole Church through this Eucharist, may the Church be evermore a servant to the poor, a sign of hope to the troubled, and a source of nourishment for the hungry.

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

**For world leaders** – that peace will be earnestly sought.

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

**For all church leaders** – that the new Passover made by the Lord Jesus will be the strength of all who minister to God’s people.

(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 ourselves** – that we become foot-washers, serving each other and the poor, in humility.

(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**

Nourishing God, as we prepare to receive the Body of Christ broken for us and his Blood poured out for us, help us to give his saving love generously to others. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**.