

A Community of Service

"After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, 'Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.'" John 13:12-14

Opening Prayer

Check-In (Share an important or interesting thing from this past week.)

Exploring A Community of Service

We are shown in John 13:12-14 the model of service and humility by Jesus. (How can we follow this model in daily life?)

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." **1 John 3:18** (How might we show the truth by action at SMM?)

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." **Galatians 6:9** (What does this mean to you?)

From the **Book of Common Prayer**: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help." **BCP p. 414 Rite of Confirmation** (How do we serve Christ in all persons? How might a parish work to positively transform a community?)

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice." **Proverbs 31:8-9** (At SMM, how might we speak up for those who cannot or need help? How can we do this as individuals? How can we work for justice?)

"Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ." **1 Corinthians 9:19** (How can we serve all people to bring them to Christ? Bishop Andy Doyle asks: "What communal needs do you notice [in the Manor area]? What types of people aren't thriving? What is one thing the Church can do to bring God's shalom (wholeness) to your neighborhood?")

Closing Observations

Closing Prayer

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