My 'Silent Sermon' from Sunday March 28, 2021 *'Palm/Passion Sunday'* ~

"The 3 Basins"

Every year on **Palm/Passion Sunday,** I preach with actions and no words. I find that the power of the passion narrative transcends any words that I could ever offer to you.

Here is an outline of my sermon from last Sunday's livestream Palm/Passion Sunday Service. **The whole service is still available for you to watch on** *"YouTube / St. Paul's Media."*

<u>The 3 Basins of Water</u>

1. **The "Service" Basin:** I poured some water in my basin and knelt down to wash an invisible foot (representing <u>YOU</u>). I then dried the foot and stood back up. This is what Jesus did when he washed the feet of his friends on **Maundy Thursday.**

    Here are the Bible quotes that were put on the screen while I was doing the actions ~

    <u>First</u> ~ *'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'*
    John 13:6

    <u>Second</u> ~ *'You also ought to wash one another's feet.'* John 13:14

    <u>Final words</u> ~ *'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'* John 13:34

2. **The "Pilate" Basin:** I took off my alb and underneath I was wearing my black cassock. I took on the role of Pilate. I poured more water in the basin and put my hands in the water to wash my hands of any responsibility in the conviction of Jesus.

    Here is the scripture that accompanied my actions ~

    <u>First</u> ~ *Pilate took some water and washed his hands before the crowd.*
    Matthew 27:24

    <u>Second</u> ~ *'I am innocent of this man's blood.'* Matthew 27:24

3. **The "Baptismal" Basin:** I took off my black cassock and put back on my white alb. I took a baptismal 'scallop shell, poured even more water into the basin, and proceeded to perform the baptismal actions with the shell.

    This scripture accompanied Basin 3 ~

First   ~   *I baptize you in the name*
of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Second words   ~   *You are God's beloved.*

The 3 Basins of Water . . .   As disciples of Jesus, God calls us to a life of loving service. We do not wash our hands of our responsibilities.

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