

## Saturday 1st February



### Serving others

*“Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too”*

Richard Gillard’s hymn has a great deal for us to reflect on. During my recent studies I have been looking at Christian leadership and how it is based in humility. As Christians we are often good at serving others, often to the point where we can feel guilty if we can’t or don’t help others.

Jesus’ ministry is full of examples of his humble service to others, including washing his disciples’ feet and teaching them to serve others. However, Jesus also has the grace to let others serve him. A woman anoints his feet prior to the resurrection, Martha serves him as does Peter’s mother-in-law.

How good are we at letting others serve us? How easy do we find it to sit back and let others do something instead of us? Many of us find this much more difficult than serving others – yet Jesus does it and we are also encouraged to gracefully let others serve us as we serve them.

Gracious God,  
You love us with a steadfast love  
Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from you  
You graciously call us to be your children  
You ask us to love each other as you love us  
Without restriction  
This gives us the strength to serve others  
Give us the wisdom to remember that others wish to serve us too  
The grace to step back and let them show their love for us  
By serving us  
As we also serve them in love  
Amen

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