

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Holy Week. *Thursday 2nd April. Holy Thursday. Readings: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; Psalm: 115; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

We move from betrayal to belonging. The paschal meal commemorates the journey from slavery to freedom, from being isolated slaves to being a free people. The struggle of the Israelites is ultimately not about land but about how to be the People of God. Vatican II reaffirmed that name for the Church, the People of God. We hear that struggle for freedom again today in the protests about slavery, Black Lives Matter and Palestine. These are identity issues that continue to plague us today even though slavery has long since been officially abolished. Today we Christians join that battle as we remember that all of us can be slaves to the brokenness that we call sin. Everything that controls and diminishes our dignity is what we call sin. The struggle didn't end in Egypt, Sinai or Jerusalem, it continues in our hearts even today. Liberation is something that Christ has won for us, and we have the power to share that victory. It comes through knowing that we are known and loved as God's children, his People. Being a People is the gateway to that freedom.