

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 88; John 13:16-20.*

‘A man after my own heart’. A beautiful description of the calling of David. We recognise that in describing the call of Jesus as fulfilling the plan of God, Paul recognises and describes what has been happening to himself. He couldn’t remotely be described as having a heart like Jesus before his dramatic conversion, but as the story unfolds, we see how Paul grows ever more Christ like. In our gospel the disciples feel the same challenge to be ‘one’ but there is the sharp contrast between the one who will betray him and their own call to service of others. The Gospel story is describing the Last Supper in John’s very special way in the washing of feet. To become one with Jesus, as in the Eucharist, in his service, is to see the Eucharist in a special way. Not just our own devotional presence to Christ but a real sacramental commitment to be present to others, a mission to communion.