**Rite to replace the washing of feet**

At this point in the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, we normally follow the words of Jesus in the Gospel, and wash the feet of a number of people to reflect this action shown to us by Christ.

But today we follow that command in a different way.

We may not be able to do this ritual here, but we think of all those in our hospitals and care centres who are pouring out their; time, energy, skill, tears and compassion, over all who are sick and in their care.

*(water is poured into a bowl and a towel is unfolded)*

As we pour this water and enfold this towel, we remember and pray for all the medical staff; of nurses and doctors, of care attendants and ambulance staff, of support teams and emergence personnel, who in all their time and effort live out the example of these words of Christ, and support all who are ill with the Coronavirus

For when we ask where is God, the words of this night remind us.

***‘Where charity and love abide there is God’.***

We light this candle of hope, as all those involved in the fight against Covid 19, give hope to us all.

*(A candle is lit beside the bowl)*