

The Touch



Be still

You might like to listen [here](#) to *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. This song was written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm, writing of the faithfulness of God in his life. It was set to music that year. It is based on the words in Lamentations 3: 22-23. The two additional verses in this version were written by John Piper.

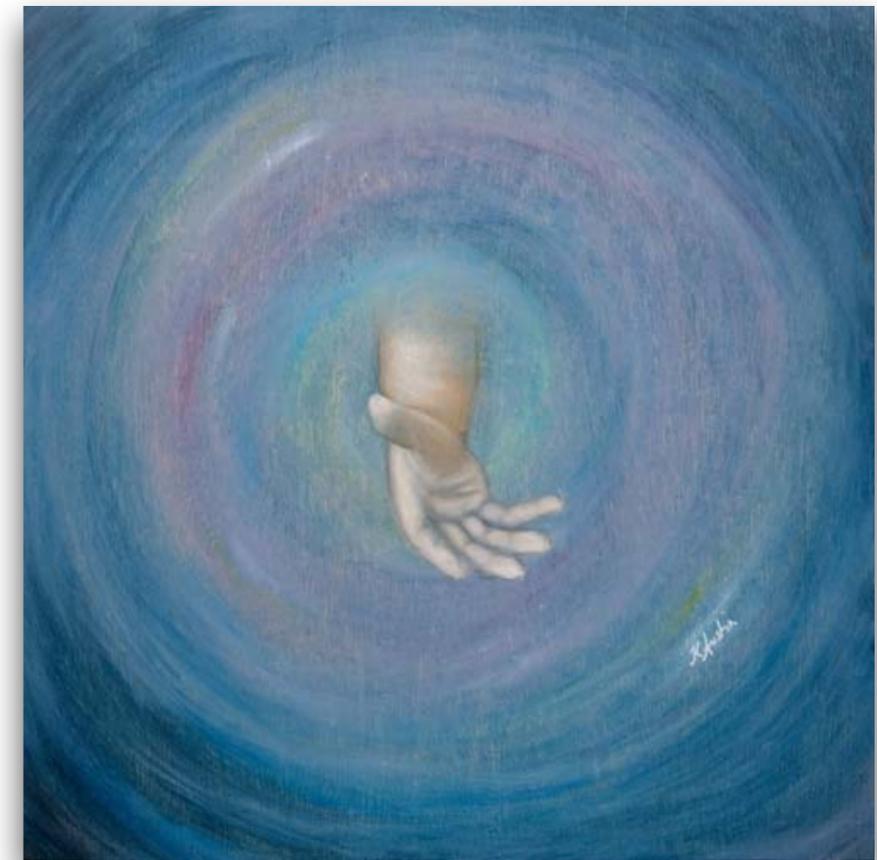
Great is thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

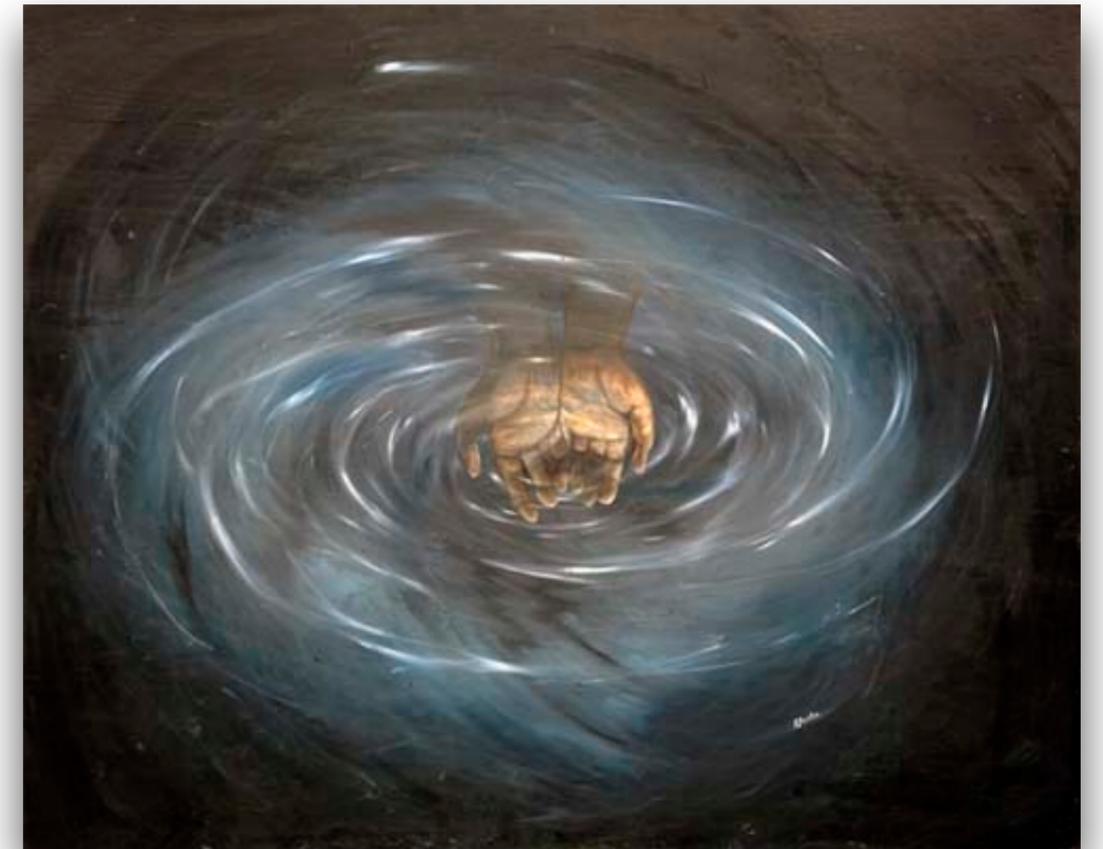
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!



The Anointing
Kate Austin

- Find a place to sit quietly
- Give thanks to God for who He is
- Be aware of God's loving eyes watching over you
- Ask God for the grace of being aware of His touch within your life and upon the world as you journey with Him through this Holy Week



The Everlasting Arms
Kate Austin

Read the passage from John 13 slowly - and as you do, what words or phrases strike you?

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Jesus replied, "You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.



Read the passage from John 13 again slowly and where one of the words or phrases catches you stay with it and hold it in the stillness before God

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Now close your eyes and imagine yourself at the evening meal

- You might like to watch from the edge.
- You might like to sit at the table
- You might like to imagine yourself as Peter as Jesus approaches to wash your feet

Slowly let the scene unfold.

- What do you notice?
- What do you think?
- What do you feel?
- What do you do?

How do you respond to the actions of Jesus?

- What do you say to Him?
- Let those words become a prayer.



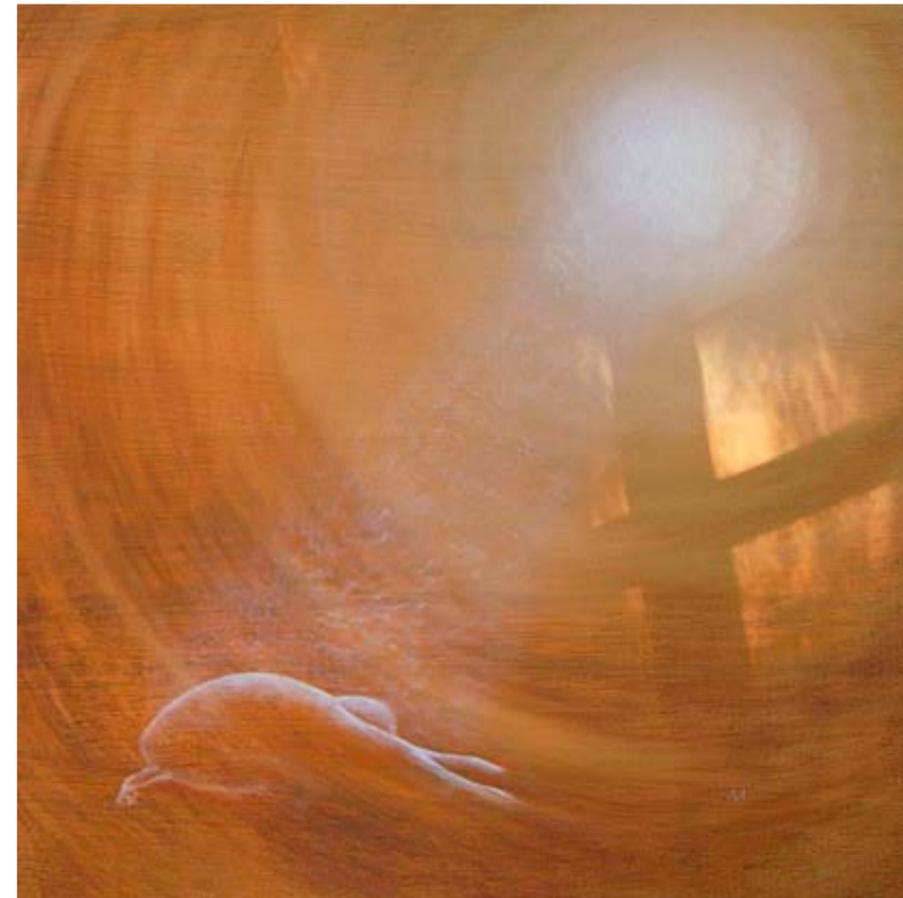
How has the Spirit been at work in your heart as you have prayed?

How have you noticed the touch of God on you and in the world?

What way of washing the feet of another might the Spirit be bringing to birth in your heart, as you respond to the love of Jesus for you and for His world?

Maybe you would like to note down what God has revealed to you in this time

As you pray You might like to listen to the song, Infinite Grace, by Sarah Hart [here](#).



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Creative prayer

Washed

- As you wash your hands today, think of the passage from John that we have been praying with today. Give thanks for the grace of Jesus and the Spirit of God who has washed us, cleansed us and made us holy.
- You might like to make your own image of being washed by Christ or you might like to print out the next slide onto A4 paper.
 - cut out pieces of paper in the shape of drops of water
 - on each drop write something that captures where you have felt the touch of the grace of God at work in your life
 - give thanks



Where infinite grace falls like rain
Where infinite grace sings our name
Where merciful love shepherds us in beautiful ways
With infinite grace

Sarah Hart



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