

It is not possible to have a Solemn Watch at the Altar of Repose this year. Instead, after Holy Communion the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle as a focus of our adoration.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There follows a short period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, for which you are invited to kneel or sit. The ministers will then leave the sanctuary in silence.

PLEASE LEAVE CHURCH IN SILENCE

immediately after Mass. We depart ready to celebrate the mystery of Christ's Passion and Death tomorrow, Good Friday.

We are encouraged to participate from home this evening in the Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament which will be livestreamed from St. Chad's cathedral in Birmingham.

GOOD FRIDAY

(Please note: all the services today are *public acts of worship*.
Services marked * will be livestreamed)

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer*

10.30am Stations of the Cross

11.00am-12noon Confessions

3pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION*

(NB. prior booking is required)

4.30-6.30pm Church open for private prayer*
(the Cross will be exposed for Adoration from our places)

7pm Stations of the Cross

The Precious Blood of Our Lord & All Souls, Coventry



Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

With nightfall today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life and the institution of the Eucharist and ordained Priesthood. We receive his Body and Blood to strengthen us, and are sent to reflect his love to those we meet and to the world.

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly serve one another, especially the poor and unloved.

Gloria

The Gloria is said in celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The bells then fall silent until the Easter Vigil.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early Church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the Lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

Psalm sung by the cantor Psalm 115

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

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Second reading 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

In the bread and cup of this liturgy we experience intimate communion with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes again.



Gospel acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

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I give you a new commandment:

love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel John 13: 1-15

The account of the Last Supper in St. John's Gospel recalls a wonderful event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

There is no Washing of the Feet during the Mass this year.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for use during Holy Communion



Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy Wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malicious enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
and bid me come to Thee.
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
forever and ever.
Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.