

Holy Thursday

ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday 9th April 2020

8pm

Instagram Live Stream



Welcome to the BCYS Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Holy Thursday, streamed live from our Chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Before Mass starts, find yourself a quiet, comfortable place where you can concentrate for the Mass. Perhaps consider lighting a candle or finding a crucifix to focus on, however big or small.

We recommend you follow the order of service to get involved in the Mass. As you feel comfortable, join in with the hymns and responses, and standing, sitting or kneeling.

You are welcome to add any prayer intentions in the comments section on the Live Stream.

Opening Hymn: Servant King

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said

We joyfully proclaim the Gloria, for the first time since the beginning of Lent

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.

First reading, from the book of Exodus (12:1-8,11-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.”’

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

The Response is: *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.

Second reading, from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (John 13:34)

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 13:1-15)

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not

wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R/ Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Hymn

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free,
take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will
grow!

You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament remains on the Altar.

After the final prayer of Mass, Fr Dominic will incense the Blessed Sacrament with incense; the perfumed smoke is a symbol of our prayers rising to Heaven. The Blessed Sacrament will then be "watched" in the open tabernacle, echoing Jesus request to his disciples to "keep awake and pray with me".

There will be a short interlude on the Live Stream; you will need to click again as the Live Stream recommences for the next hour. The camera will focus on the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and will continue until 10pm.

As there has been no Chrism Mass this year, this is also the moment where, in common with priests across the world, Fr Dominic will renew his Priestly Commitment, in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

This is a most solemn and sacred night; as the night passes, Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, is arrested and is brought before Pilate.

The altar is quietly stripped and left bare. There is a sense of sombre anticipation.

And yet, Christ is present, in the Blessed Sacrament. Wherever we are watching from tonight, we are invited to pray in silence before Jesus, knowing that he is as close to us as if we were in the vastest of Churches or greatest sites of pilgrimage, and to spend some time with him in quiet and personal prayer.

**"Then Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.
"Couldn't you keep watch with me for one hour?" – Matthew 26:40**

The other Masses and Services for the Easter Triduum are:

Good Friday

10.30am – Stations of the Cross *Reflecting on the Coronavirus Pandemic*
3pm – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday

8pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.30 – Mass celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

All are welcome to join us online - BrentwoodCYS on Instagram