

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

help us to become more fully alive to how you loved us by your death and how you love us now in your resurrection. By faith and grace, we hope to make the right choices and honour you in them. Continue to show us the full extent of your love for us.

Amen

What is Maundy Thursday?

On the night before his death Jesus had a final meal with his friends. Before this meal for Passover, Jesus surprised his friends by washing the feet of every person to show his followers that they should love one another in acts of service.

Jesus passed round bread and wine. He said: **" This is my body broken for you" & " This is my blood poured out for you"**

when they share bread and wine they should remember him. Jesus also told his friends that they should love one another. It was later on this night that Judas betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus washes the feet of the disciples

He "began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

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

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." Jesus does this act of service. He is there as a servant not to be served. He tells the disciple to follow the example and show great love to other people.

He even shows love to his betrayer.

How can we show love to those around us. As St Teresa of Calcutta says "do small things with great love". We can do small things to reveal Gods love to those around us

Maundy Thursday Services/ Events

Live Stream Masses/ Services -

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West Midlands Churches: https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/westmidlands

St Chads Cathedral:

https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

Church	St Chad's	Our	St	Our	St	St
Date	Cathedral	Lady of	Ambrose	Lady &	George	Thomas
		Lourdes	Barlow	All	and St	More
				Saints	Teresa	
Monday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	9:15am	9am
Tuesday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	9:15am	6:30pm
Wednesday	12:15pm	9am	9:30am	9am	10am	9am
Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	7pm	7pm	8pm	7:30pm	7pm
Good Friday	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm
Holy	8pm	6pm	8pm	8pm	8pm	8:30pm
Saturday						
Easter Sunday	11am	10am	10am	10:30am	10:30am	9am

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The Alton Castle and Soli Team will be Live Streaming at: 8:30pm - Night Prayer

- Facebook: Alton Castle Retreat Centre
- Instagram: @soli_kyt

Useful Links:

- Our Twitter Account which we keep updated with prayers and reflections : <u>https://twitter.com/BC_Chaplaincy</u>
- Kenelm Youth Trust @ Home Resources : <u>http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/home-resources.html</u>
- Our Website with Blogs & Daily Prayer and Reflections:
- Blog: <u>https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/blog</u>
- Daily Prayers: <u>https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/diocese-news/daily-prayer-and-reflections</u>