

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Passage and Resources

On Maundy Thursday we prepare our hearts for Easter by **remembering we are loved to love others**. On the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus sat at a dinner table and ate the Last Supper with His disciples. The word Maundy comes from a Latin phrase: “Novum Mandātum” meaning “A New Command”. At this meal, Jesus gave us a New Command: “love one another.” We participate in this day by serving others around us and loving them from the understanding that Christ loved us first.

Passage:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Invitations: We invite you to shape your day in response to Jesus’ love. Here are some suggestions for how you may choose to respond today:

1. **Read an account of Jesus during the Last Supper.** The most complete account of this night is in John 13-17. This story reminds us of the love Jesus has for us and how He asks us to respond to it. We invite you to read it at dinner with others if you can, or over a zoom call.
2. Another response is to **act on Jesus’ “new command” and see what ways we can serve one another.** At the Last Supper, Jesus leads the way in showing us what it means to serve one another by getting down and washing his disciples’ feet. Maybe you have roommates or family who you can serve in this way, but for the rest of us, let’s take a posture of reflection and asking the Holy Spirit - what is a way I can serve others around me that really costs me something? This puts our love in action and impacts not just those around us, but our hearts as well.

