



CHRIST'S CHURCH
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Maundy Thursday Service

Read- Background of Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, also known as “Holy Thursday,” is the Thursday of [Passion Week](#), one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper.

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in “Maundy Thursday” refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

Read- John 13

Focus on Jesus’ statement to His disciples to, “*love one another.*”

Quietly reflect on what it means to “love one another.”

It was common in Jesus’ day to wash your hands (*we know what that’s like*) and feet (*sandals + dirt roads = stinky feet*) in preparation for a meal. Coming into Maundy Thursday God asks us to do the same thing. We use Maundy Thursday as a time of preparation in anticipation of the resurrection of Christ. Preparation physically? For a meal? Perhaps. For Jesus it was known as the Last Supper. The more important preparation was/is one of the heart. It’s a time of confession and realizing that in our own power we cannot come before God.

The book of Lamentations is about the prophet Jeremiah “lamenting” which carries the idea of “loud cries” over the sins of the children of Israel. He wrote the book following the sacking and destruction of Israel in 586 B.C. by Babylon. Jeremiah had prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem 40 years prior to the event and still the people were shocked and dismayed and all-the-while still forsaking God.

Lamentations is a great example and help to us as we ready our hearts before God.

Jeremiah describes the scene

Read Lamentations chapter 1

Note: Jeremiah’s reference to “the city” is Jerusalem. And, Jerusalem then and now symbolizes the whole of the Jewish people. Keep in mind too that as Jeremiah is writing the book actual events are taking place. He is describing much of what he’s seeing.



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Pray [For your own relationship with God and that it would be strong]

Jeremiah's prayer to God

Read Lamentations chapter 5:1-18

Pray [Pray for believer's all over the world as many are under persecution]

Jeremiah's realization of who is in control

Read Jeremiah chapter 5:19

"You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation."

Even all throughout Holy Week with all of the events that take place God is still in control. Jesus' admonition to His followers to "*love one another*" has never been more on point and appropriate for those of us who follow Christ especially today as our neighbors are watching.



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