

## Defining--Maundy Thursday

*Maundy* comes from  
*mundatum*-- a commandment  
new delivered now by strong  
and ready hands, ready to  
gird and wash and wipe  
both feet and lives  
to show us all that  
love takes lowliness  
to heart and kneels most  
readily, an art which also  
brings those hands to breaking,  
pouring, mending, being pierced  
and molding, crafting endlessness  
from tombs, grave wrappings,  
guards and deadly fear.