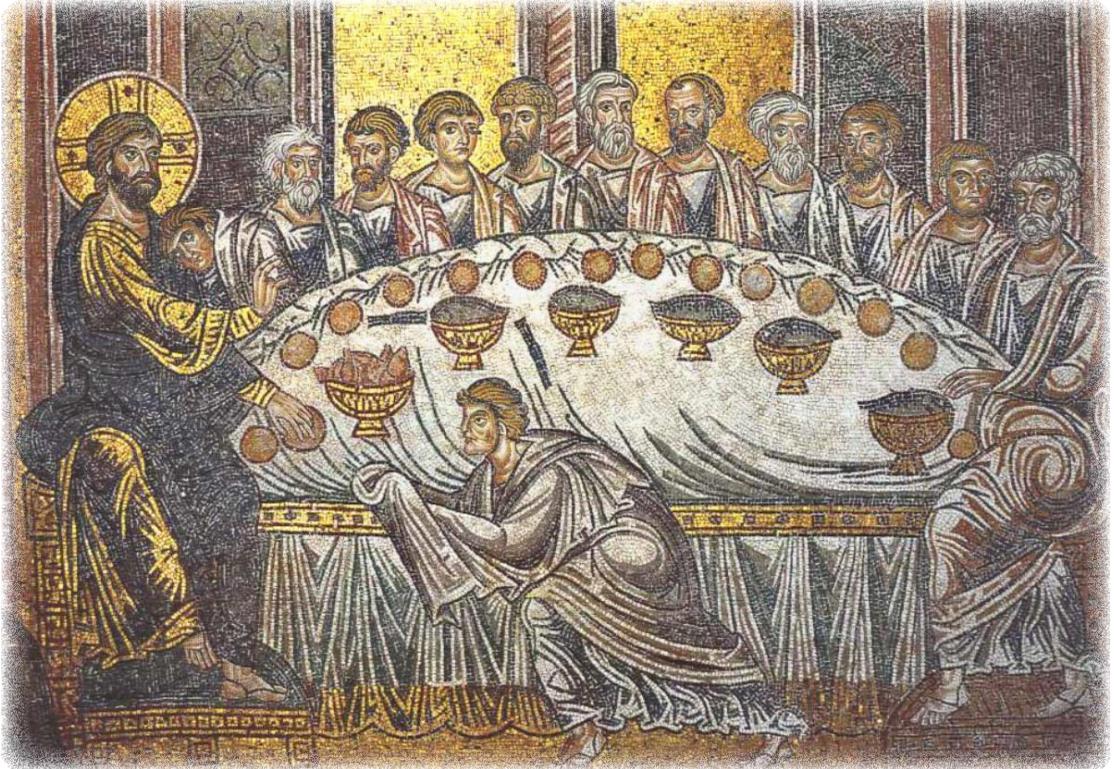


# MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 24, 2016



The Last Supper Mosaic, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, Monreale, Sicily, 12th Century.

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+ MARK 14::22 +



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 24, 2016

***Welcome to The Peoples Church!***

Betsy Aho, Minister

### ***Call to Worship***

Leader: We remember you, Savior Jesus, as we remember:  
the gathering of the dark,

**People: the breaking of the bread, the pouring of the wine,**

Leader: the telling of the story, the preparing of the lies,

**People: the beating of the heart, the making of the covenant,**

Leader: the turning towards the cross, the rumors of death,

**People: the whisper of night, the shimmer of grace,**

Leader: the snap of twigs, the flash of eyes,

**People: the moment of turning, and the kiss of betrayal.**

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Spirit of God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you.**

**God, have mercy on us weak and willful people. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever. Amen.**

***Sung Assurance of Pardon***

*"We Are Forgiven"*

No. 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

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## **First Reading**

Mark 14:22-31

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.*

*"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

*"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not." "Truly I tell you,"*

*Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times." But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.*

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Second Reading**

Mark 14:32-46

*They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."*

*Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."*

*Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

*Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.*

*Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"*

*Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.*

*Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him*

### **Meditation**

"Invited"

Betsy Aho

### **Prayers of the People**

*(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Benediction** *(Please stand if able.)*

**Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Please stand if able.)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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