

# Order of Service – 14/04/2022

## Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm

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### Opening verse:

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19b

## In the Gathering Space

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### Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Ian

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*And also with you*

Welcome

We gather tonight on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri-Willam, the white gum tree clan in the Woi Wurrung language territory of the Kulin Nation. Let us pay our respects to their elders and ancestors, and commit again to working with them for justice and reconciliation.

Last Supper on the last night of Jesus' life. Follow Jesus and his disciples through the preparation, the meal and its aftermath.

Our service will move from here to the Olive Way and through into the hall for our meal before concluding in the garden.

Let us worship God, singing in the encroaching darkness and stillness.

### Song – In the Singing, Shirley Murray

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*In the singing, in the silence,  
in the hands, expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking,  
in the Presence at this table*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace,  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.*

*In the question, in the answer,  
in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing,  
in the circle of Your people.*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace,  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.*

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## Opening prayer

Ian

Breathing meditation...

## Gospel reading Luke 22: 1-6.

Geoff

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray Jesus to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give Judas money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them when no crowd was present.

## Song: In Darkness

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*The night is dark and lonely  
stay with me 'til the dawn  
in silence and in anguish  
come stay with me 'til dawn  
Be at my side while the night is still  
come stay with me until the dawn*

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## Gospel reading Luke 22: 7-10

Helen, Rui

Helen: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"  
Rui: "Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters..."

*Ian invites everyone to take a glass, scoop water from the baptism font,  
and pour into the water jar. A sign of our baptism into Christ's passion.  
Dave to then carry the water jar into the Olive Way.  
Everyone follows, bringing their glass with them.*

## In the Olive Way

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## Gospel reading: Luke 22: 11-12

Rui L

Rui: A man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there."

## Song: An Upper Room TiS 536 verses 1, 2

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*An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.*

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## Gospel reading: Luke 22: 13

Helen B

Helen: So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

*Dave leads the way with water jar into the large hall, lights a first candle, and invites everyone to do likewise. Turkish bread and GF bread for communion already on the table, and wine and grape juice already there.*

*Water jar placed on a small table in the middle.*

*Paper towels needed to wipe out the glasses to now be used for communion wine / juice.*

*Allow time for everyone to get comfortable, extra tables and chairs as needed. No rush.*

# In the Hall

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## Gospel reading Luke 22: 14-19

Helen, Rui, Ian

Helen: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

Rui: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Ian: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Rui: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Ian: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Rui: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

## Communion Prayers

Ian

Ian: We are the body of Christ

*His Spirit is with us.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift our hearts to God.*

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Here at Christ's table we give thanks  
for the Kingdom of God coming among us.

Breathe in thanksgiving...

Come Holy Spirit, unite us with Christ  
in the taking and sharing, in the eating and drinking.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Distribution of the bread...*

## Song: Feed us now, bread of life TiS 538 verse 1.

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*Feed us now, Bread of life,  
in this holy meal;  
let us know your love anew:  
we hunger for you.  
Feed us now, Bread of life,  
come and live within;  
let your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.*

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## Gospel reading: Luke 22:20

Ian, Rui

Ian: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Rui: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

*Distribution of the wine/juice...*

## Song: Feed us now, bread of life TiS 538 verse 2 and 3.

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*Piece of bread, glass of wine:  
Lord, this food is good;  
love and mercy come to us —  
your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine;  
who can understand  
how his mercy works in these?  
Yet, Lord, we believe.  
  
God is here, O so near,  
nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go;  
Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near,  
in this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on you —  
on the bread that is true.*

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## Gospel reading: Luke 22: 21-23

Geoff, Rui

Rui: But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one who betrays him!”

Geoff: Then they began to ask one another which of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

Rui: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

## Prayers of the People / Grace

Ian

As we eat together now, let us pray that the reign of God, the Commonwealth of Love, would continue to come, not among the greatest, but among those who serve, the young, the lowly ones, the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted, the hungry and weeping ones, those who have died and those who are grieving. Imagine this table spread throughout the world. Who is at this table with us tonight? Who do we name here now, what people, what places, what situations?

*Share the names of people and places...*

*Then enjoy the meal, and time talking together.*

*Then after an appropriate amount of time (small bell rung) Rui stands to read.*

## **Gospel reading: Luke 22: 28-34**

**Rui, Helen**

Rui: “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon Peter, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Helen: And Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

Rui: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

*Pause. Some more eating, drinking.*

## **Song: In Darkness, by Julia Potter**

*sung through once. Ian to extinguish his candle.*

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stay with me 'til the dawn  
in silence and in anguish  
come stay with me 'til dawn  
Be at my side while the night is still  
come stay with me until the dawn*

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## **Gospel reading: Luke 22: 35-38**

**Rui, Geoff**

Rui: “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

Geoff: They said, “No, not a thing.”

Rui: “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

Geoff: They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Rui: “It is enough.”

## **Song: In Darkness, by Julia Potter**

*sung through once. Dave, Helen, Amelia to extinguish their candle.*

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*The night is dark and lonely*

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*stay with me 'til the dawn  
in silence and in anguish  
come stay with me 'til dawn  
Be at my side while the night is still  
come stay with me until the dawn*

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*Ian to invite everyone to gradually extinguish their candles, move out to the olive tree to conclude the service.*

*Continue singing "In Darkness" repeatedly until everyone is gathered around the olive tree.*

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# Outside at the Olive Tree

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## Gospel reading: Luke 22: 39

Geoff

Geoff (*reading via candlelight*) He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

*(Geoff to extinguish his candle).*

## Closing and Sending

Ian: The peace of Christ be always with you: *and also with you.*

Share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. Then you're invited to move off quietly. This service continues tomorrow morning at 9:30am, then concludes on Easter morning.

## Thank you

Thank you for joining us, and thank you to...

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