

Looking Again at the Last Supper

Maundy Thursday 2024 at Pitt St Uniting Church

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Welcome everyone. We acknowledge that we gather this evening on the lands of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation; lands that have never been ceded and treaty never established. We acknowledge with deep respect the traditional owners and custodians, their elders, and children past, present and emerging.

We are here with tenderness and gentleness to hold an inclusive space and to remember – to remember the time that Jesus told some followers to take and bless and share the bread and the cup. We do so in all simplicity, remembering all who were there that night; the women, the gender diverse people, the children, the animals, the stars and planets, as well as the men whose story we more often hear. We remember a meal offered by all and for all, then and now, across all time and space; we remember a meal that gives strength for all the adversity that continues to cling to the skirts of hope, and we welcome one another to this place of strengthening and belonging.

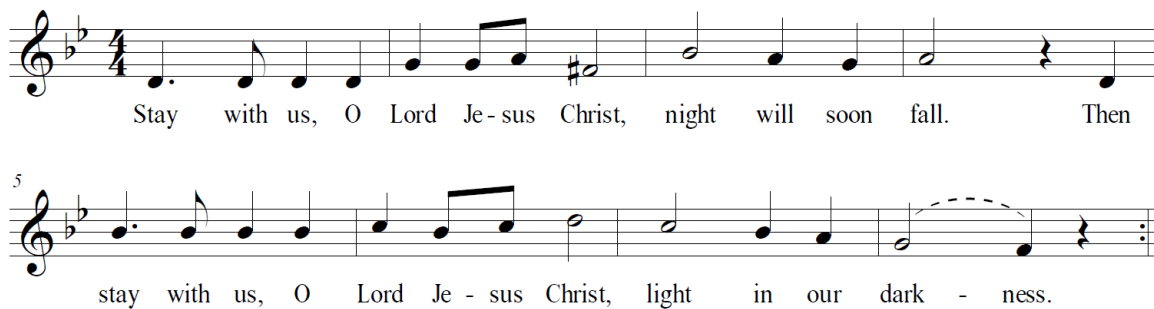
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OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, we have come together this evening,
Seeking space to be ourselves....
And looking for sustenance from being with others...
Hoping to find strength as we join in our common search
For that which gives meaning and purpose to our lives.
As we share this sacred feast
May we grow closer to the Spirit that calls us here. Amen
(from the *New Women Included* p.30 adapted)

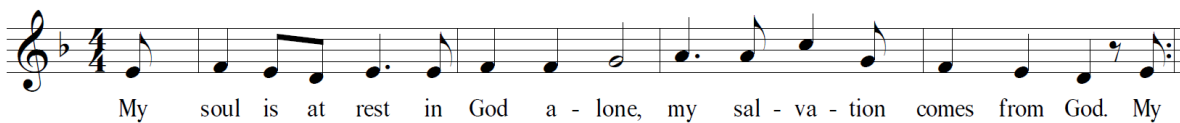
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GOSPEL READING: John 13:21-35

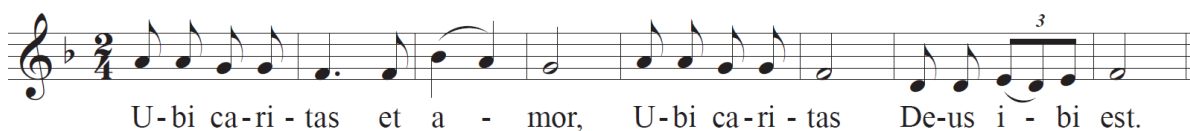
Silent Reflection

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BRIEF REFLECTION

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

with sung *Kyrie, Kyrie eleison*

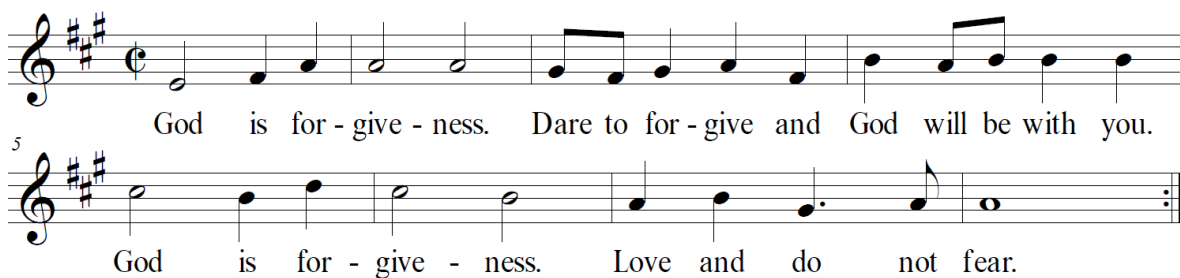
Marjan McKeough



PRAYER OF RE-AWARENESS & CONFESSION

O God, we bring you our failure,
Our hunger, our disappointment, our despair,
Our greed, our aloofness, our loneliness.
When we cling to others in desperation,
Or turn from them in fear
Strengthen us in love.
Teach us, whoever we are,
To use our power with care.
We claim your love.
We choose to be made whole.
(adapted from *The New Women Included*)

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ACT OF FORGIVENESS & RENEWAL – with water sprinkling

Blessed is Jesus,
Who on this night before Passover,
Rose from supper, laid aside their garments,
Took a towel and poured water,
And washed some disciples' feet, saying

"If I your Teacher have washed your feet,
You also ought to wash one another's feet."
Come now tender spirit of our God, wash us
from all that separates us from each other and from you
And make us one body in Christ
(adapted from *The New Women Included*)

(The gathering is sprinkled with water)

SHARING OF PEACE

TAIZE CHANT

My peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Trouble not your
6 hearts. My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: be not a - fraid.

LIFTING OF HEARTS & EUCHARISTIC PREFACE

Christ be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up in thanks and praise

Let us give thanks to God

We give God thanks and praise

O eternal Wisdom,

We praise you and give you thanks,

Because you laid aside your power as a garment,

Receiving authority and comfort from the hands of a woman;

For God chose what is weak in the world
To shame the strong;
And God chose what is low and despised in the world
Even things that are not,
To bring to nothing things that are.

And therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
The women who befriended and fed you, who argued with you
and touched you,
the woman who anointed you for death,
the women who met you risen from the dead,
and with all your many gendered lovers throughout the ages,
we proclaim and sing

SONG

**Holy, holy, holy
my heart, my heart adores you
my heart knows how to say to you
Holy are you Lord.**

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

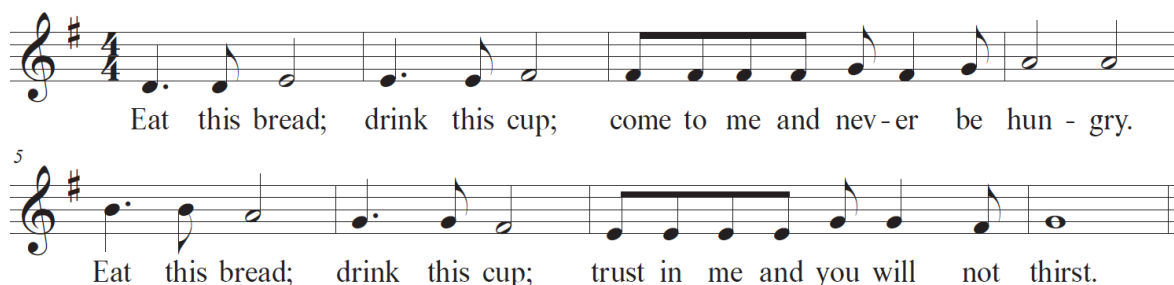
Blessed is Jesus
Who, before the crucifixion, earnestly desired
To eat with their companions
The Passover of liberation;
Who on this night, the night of their betrayal
Took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
“This is my body which is for you.
Do this to remember me.”
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.”
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

In the body broken and the blood poured out
We restore to memory and hope
The broken and unremembered victims
of tyranny and sin;
and we long for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Come then life-giving spirit of our God,
Brood over these bodily things,
And make us one body with Christ,
That what is sown in dishonour
May be raised in glory;
And what is sown in weakness
may be raised in power. Amen
(adapted from *All Desires Known* Janet Morley)

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.

SHARING OF COMMUNION (all are most welcome to receive) -during the
distribution we sing

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BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

When all have received, the table is cleared as we sing

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With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the

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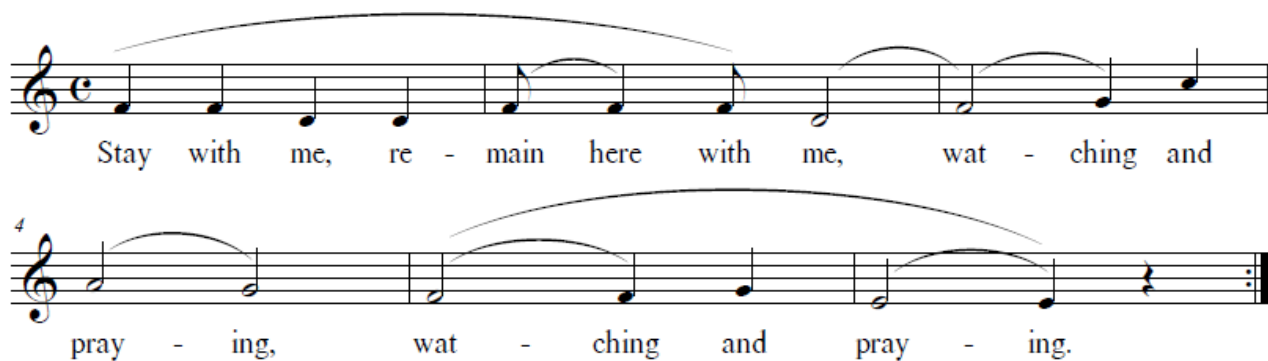
5 way, With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the

7 fire that nev-er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

Where bread is broken and candles glow,
Be sure you have invited them
Not to your house
But to their own,
And offered not just your wisdom
But your love.
So may the power and the mystery go before us,
to show us the way,
Shine above us to lighten our world,
Lie beneath us to bear us up,
Walk with us and give us companionship,
And glow and flow within us to bring us joy;

And may the blessing of God,
The eternal goodwill of God,
The shalom of God,
The wildness and the warmth of God,
Be among us and between us
Now and always;
And may we go in peace. **Amen.**

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*The chant continues as participants leave quietly
in their own time...*

Holy Saturday – The Closed Tomb

Join us at Pitt St Uniting Church 30 March
10am- 12.30pm

Offering a space between.
Drop in for an hour or stay all morning.
Mindful activities, labyrinth walk,
space to breathe and just be.