



Maundy Thursday  
28 March 2024

“Love one another as I have loved you”



Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: The St Michael's Singers  
& Rhys Boak (Organ)

# Welcome to St Michael's

St Michael's is a vibrant, progressive, inclusive church with a long tradition of nurturing the spiritual well-being of the human person and working for the common good.

As a congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia, we are committed we are committed to the Covenant with First Peoples and to social and ecological justice. We hold foundational Christian values of the worth of every human being, the need for integrity in public life, and concern for the welfare of the planet and its peoples, irrespective of race, creed, gender, sexuality, status, or age.

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Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

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♥ Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Hands! ♥

Sunday Gatherings are offered Online and in Church.

## Acknowledgement of Country

We gather today on the unceded land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Wurundjeri elders past and present and stand in solidarity with First Nations people in the struggle for justice for the people and for the land.

## Welcome & Gathering

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
wherever you've come from, wherever you're going to,  
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe,  
you are welcome.*

Let us enter this moment in spirit and in truth,  
bringing all of we are, the honest reality of our humanness.  
Here we remember Jesus, who faces the cross,  
yet holds in his hands the bread of life and wine of blessing.

**Sacred mystery and mercy,  
be with us as we draw near in remembrance.**

## Prayer of Awareness

Welcoming God, you blanket the earth with the invitation  
to dine as your guests at the feast of life.  
You call us to friendship and community  
and the healing of our brokenness.  
We lament the times we have offered excuses  
instead of collaborating in the work of reconciliation;  
the times we have valued rules more than relationship;  
the way we have upheld the walls of class, race, gender and sexuality  
so that we might not be shaken by another's pain.

**Renew us, O God, that we may be a part of your life.  
Open our eyes to the new creation  
that awaits our presence.  
Draw us together in the memory  
of the One who walked into death for the sake of life,  
Jesus our brother and our friend. Amen.**

## Remembering the friends of Jesus

They gathered in an upper room to share a meal.

And the names of the apostles were these:

Simon, called Peter, his brother Andrew;

James and his brother John – the sons of Zebedee;

Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector;

James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus,

Simon the patriot, and Judas Iscariot.

There were women in the group too: Mary, called Magdalene,

and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza,

and Susanna, and many others whose names are lost to us,

who provided for the community out of their resources.

For the community around Jesus,

for the gospel light they lit and passed down,

**We give thanks.**

For those who went before us and passed the light onto us,

especially those we remember now,

**We give thanks.**

Come, beloved Jesus,

take your place as host and guest at this, your table.

## The Peace

We meet together to share this meal.

May it express our love for one another, our commitment to each other,  
and point us beyond ourselves, to the needs of the world.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Gospel: John 13:1-17

For the sacred stories of Jesus and the beloved community,

**We give thanks.**

## Contemporary reading

“Blessing You Cannot Turn Back – For Holy Thursday”

by Jan Richardson

## Music for contemplation

When we are in the greatest distress – J.S. Bach

Rhys Boak (Organ)

## Gospel: John 31b-35

For such love,

**We give thanks.**

## Reflection

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

“Love one another as I have loved you”

## Music for contemplation

Ubi caritas – Jacques Berthier

The St Michael’s Singers & Rhys Boak (Organ)

## Invitation to Communion

The bread is gluten-free. The wine is unfermented grape juice.

## Hymn

Christ let us come with you



Christ, let us come with you  
to the upper room  
where the feast is laid,  
to the bread and wine  
where our peace is made –  
Christ, let us come with you!

Teach us your serving love:  
to become as friends,  
to become as one  
that the world believe  
what your life has done –  
teach us your serving love.

Jesus, forgive us all  
that we use your name  
though we stand apart,  
we refuse your prayer  
to be one at heart –  
Jesus, forgive us all.

Christ of the open hands,  
you have brought us close  
to be loved and fed,  
you have touched our life,  
now you walk ahead –  
Christ, let us come with you!

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Tune: Wroslyn Road. Colin Gibson (1933-2022)

## Thanksgiving for the Beloved Community

We give our thanks for you, community of Jesus...  
who sustained him in his life, who travelled the path with him,  
who supported him from your resources.

We give thanks for you, who reached to him for healing,  
who challenged him with questions, who shared your table with him,  
who claimed your place at his.

We give thanks to you, who drank in every word,  
who told out his good news, and touched him in his leaving,  
and walked with him towards death.

And so, with thanksgiving and celebration  
we praise you who found the stones of your life turned to bread,  
the bitter cup of your sorrow turned to wine.

Those whose names have been lost to the wind,  
whose stories have been fragmented,  
whose voices echo in the voices of the dispossessed today,  
calling us to listen,

**We remember you.**

Jesus, on this night you took the loaf, made from grain harvested with  
sweat and oppression, beaten and sifted, ground and kneaded, baked  
and given with love – and declared it holy.  
On this night, you took the cup, made from the careful harvest of fruit,  
crushed, filtered, fermented and poured with love, and declared it holy.

As we come again to that sacred night, that sacred meal, we also lift  
the bread, bless it, break it and claim that this bread is broken, and this  
wine is poured and given with mystery and mercy.

**You ask us to remember you –  
your body, your humanness, your life.  
Jesus, we remember.**

## Sharing the bread and wine

The bread of life. The cup of blessing.

## Song during communion

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 –

*Refrain.*

## The St Michael's Singers

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Tune: Bread of Peace, Carlton Young

## Prayers for the world

Holy wisdom of God, tonight we recall the meal Jesus' shared, and as we remember him and the community around him, we also remember his standing with those who are powerless and without justice. And so tonight we pray for...*(prayer continues)*

...As Jesus entered the time of his suffering, so we remember those who most closely know this experience.

*Silent prayer.*

O God, hear our prayer...

## Taizé chant

## O God, hear our prayer



O God, hear our prayer,  
O God, hear our prayer,  
when we call, stay with us.  
O God, hear our prayer,  
O God, hear our prayer,  
come, be present with us.

Words: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) alt.  
Tune: Hear my prayer. Taizé Community

## Jesus' Prayer

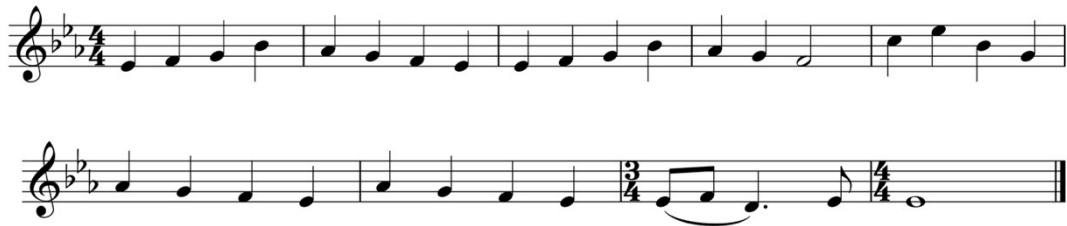
**Most compassionate Life-giver,  
may we honour and praise you:  
may we work with you  
to establish your new order of  
justice, peace and love.  
Give us what we need for growth,  
and help us, through forgiving others,  
to accept forgiveness.**



Strengthen us in the time of testing,  
that we may resist all evil.  
For all the tenderness,  
strength and love are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you



Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony;  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Words: Richard Gillard (1953- )  
Tune: Servant Song  
Richard Gillard, arr. Betty Pulkingham

## Blessing

Go in peace to live in love.

Remember the words, the face, the touch of Jesus  
who called us to be friends to each other and to the world.

In the darkness of this time,

Jesus speaks to us of courage.

In our moments of not knowing,

Jesus shows us the way.

Let us go from this place

with the Spirit of Jesus in our hearts.

**Amen.**

## Postlude

“Stay here and keep watch with me” – Jacques Berthier

The St Michael’s Singers

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## Music Notes

### Music for contemplation

When we are in the greatest distress

– J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

This short work comes from Bach's Orgelbuchlein, a collection of choral preludes for all the days of the church calendar. The text of the choral this prelude is based upon is "When in the hour of utmost need, we know not where to look for aid, when days and nights of anxious thought nor help nor counsel yet have brought.

Rhys Boak (Organ)

Ubi Caritas

– Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

This chant comes from the ecumenical Christian monastic community known as Taize in France. This along with two other Taize chants used in today's service are typical of the Taize community's emphasis on short repeated phrases sung in a meditative manner.

The St Michael's Singers & Rhys Boak (Organ)

### Postlude

'Stay here and keep watch with me'

– Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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### Musicians

You can find biographical profiles of St Michael's Guest Musicians on our website. [stmichaels.org.au/musicians-bios](http://stmichaels.org.au/musicians-bios)

# Holy Week at St Michael's

## Good Friday

Friday 29 March, 10:00 AM

“Holding the pain of the world”

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## Good Friday – Ecumenical Way of the Cross

St Michael's will be part of the Melbourne City Churches in Action

“Way of the Cross.” The procession commences at 10 AM at St Francis Church in Lonsdale Street and finishes at St Paul's Cathedral.

We expect it will reach the St Michael's station (near Mingary steps) around 11:30 AM.

## Easter Sunday at St Michael's

Sunday, 31 March, 10:00 AM

“Life after Life”

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Judith Dodsworth (Soprano), the Academy of St Michael's & Rhys Boak (Organ & Harpsichord)

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