# WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Wesley Sanctuary 17 April 2025, 7.30pm (Live-streamed)

# I. GATHERING

# MEDITATION VERSE

Mark 14:34

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death... stay here and keep watch."

PREPARATION PRAYER

Almighty God, guard our hearts and minds against all distractions, as you reveal yourself to us through the prayers, songs, and your Word preached, that we may gain a heart of wisdom to live a life worthy of your calling. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# PRELUDE

# GREETING

- L: The Lord be with you.
- P: And also with you.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

# All:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and one another and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP \*

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

### People:

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters.

#### People:

#### Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

#### Leader:

As we are called into worship this evening, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

#### People:

We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!

**OPENING HYMN \*** 

#### Meekness and Majesty

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick © 1986 Thankyou Music

## UNISON PRAYER

God of glory,

in a world drawn to so many lesser visions of glory,

teach us the greater glory of Jesus,

who did not grasp power, who was obedient to death, who did not despise the lowly, who stooped to wash his disciples' feet.

Help us to be formed into the likeness of Jesus.

Help us

to do nothing out of selfish ambition,

to seek the interests of others,

to love our enemies,

to be servants of your peace.

We pray this in the name of our suffering Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION	Near to the Heart of God	UMH 472

# II. SERMON

Scripture Text	John 18:1–14
Sermon Title	The Garden
Speaker	Rev Ian Lee

# **III. HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

My Tribute

Organ Instrumental UMH 99

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

**BREAKING THE BREAD** 

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- 1. Feed Us and Guide Us Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003; © 2006, GIA Publications, Inc. Music: William P. Rowan, 2003 © 2006 GIA Publications. Inc.
- 2. We Are People on a Journey Words and Music: Gregg Demey © 2008, 2010 Re:Create Music, Faith Alive Christian Resources

# **IV. SENDING FORTH**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT\* O Jesus I Have Promised

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**BENEDICTION \*** 

POSTLUDE

#### Prayer Ministry at the Altar

If you need someone to pray with you, please proceed to the inner rails of the altar area. If you wish to pray alone, please use the outer rails.

\* Congregation may stand.

Preacher: Rev Ian Lee

Congregational Pastor: Rev Adrian Ng

Worship Leader: Belynda Tan

Conductor: Samantha Chong Choir: Maundy Thursday Combined Choir Soloists: Foo Yan Shian, Lady Sibella Cruz, Tay Wei Lien

Organist/Pianist: Tan Wei Sein

Head Usher: Leong Wing Kong

Sound: Keefe Quek Slides: Dolliss Ang Camera: Cheng Kang Lim Livestream: Melvin Png, Goh Kheng Guan

Congregational Staff i/c: Loke Ai Mei

Congregational PTMs: Alvena Khoo, Gerhardine Foo, Kayyona Lim Lim Bi Xiu, Jairus Thomas, Samuel Tan, Rebecca Yong

Holy Communion Celebrant: Rev Raymond Fong Stewards: All Pastors and Pastoral Team Members

Holy Communion Assistants: Ang Cheng Lam, Ang Kim Lian, Daisy Tan, Doris Chow, Dabria Yiong, Peter Chow

> Service Managers: Ivonne Lo, Serene Teo, Dorcas Kwok