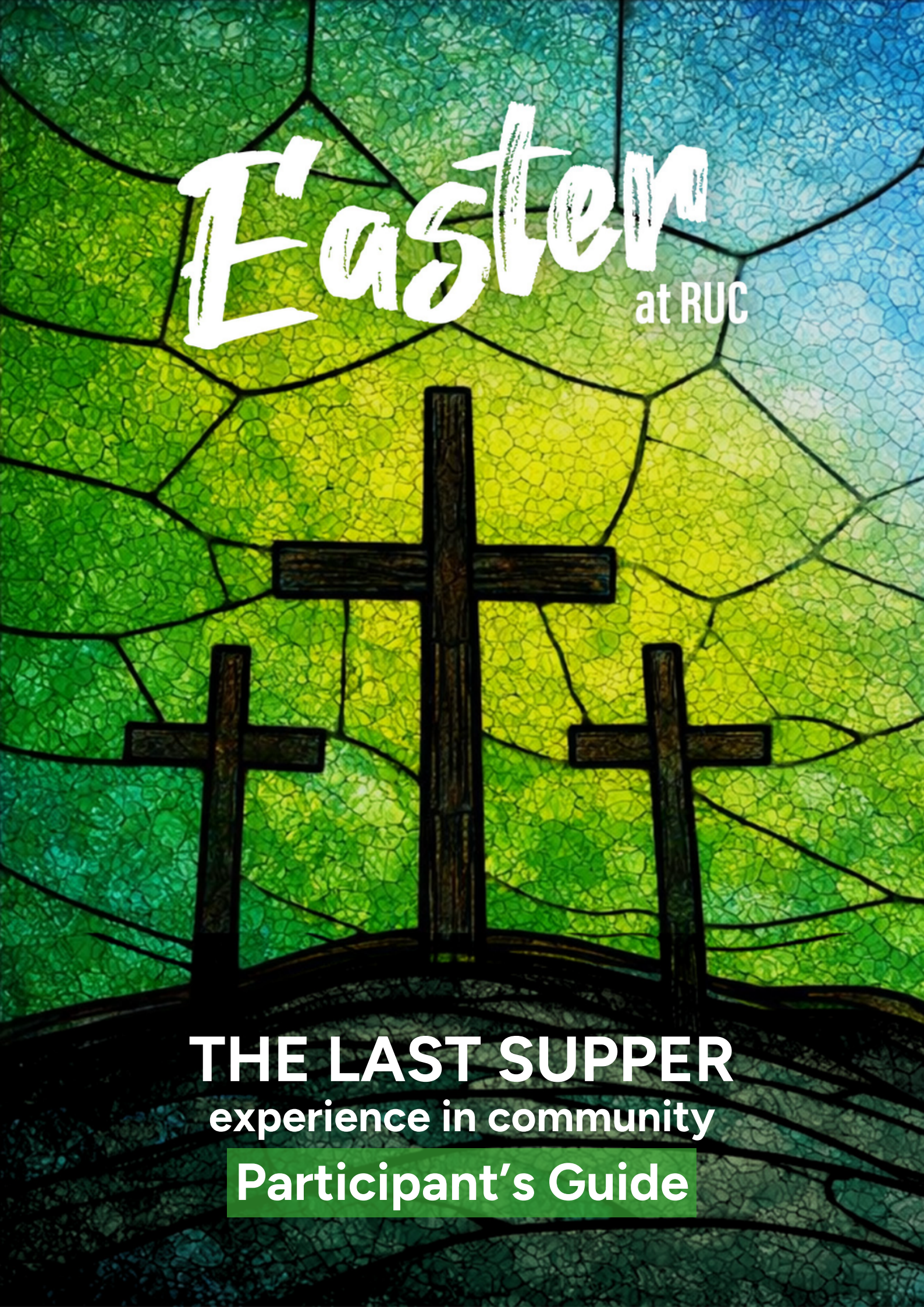


The background is a stained glass design featuring three wooden crosses of varying heights. The central cross is the tallest, flanked by two shorter crosses. The background is composed of various shades of green and blue, with a cracked, mosaic-like texture. The crosses are dark brown with black outlines.

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THE LAST SUPPER
experience in community

Participant's Guide

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A guided experience of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, for small group communities to reflect on the significance of Jesus's fulfilment of the Passover symbols through his death.

A NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

We're so glad you have decided to gather a community to experience the Last Supper! We see in Exodus 12, where the Passover celebration was first described, that it was to take place in households. The Last Supper of Jesus was specifically to commemorate the Passover, and indeed we see Jesus celebrating it with his close group of disciples.

We hope and pray that within close relationships in our homes, we will experience deep fellowship with one another, as well as the significance of this important event. As we gather in our separate homes let's not forget our wider Church community and pray for it too!

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide has been designed to help you participate in a Last Supper experience. Use this guide on the evening for easy access to Scripture references and song lyrics.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

These are the passages from Scripture that will be read throughout the evening. They are listed in order (as used throughout the experience) but will be read by different people during different elements. Your host will guide you.

- Matthew 26:17-30
- Exodus 6:6-7
- 2 Timothy 2:11-13
- John 1:29, 36
- John 19: 36
- 1 Corinthians 5:7
- Romans 3:25
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Psalm 116

BLESSING

Whenever we drink from the cup (this will happen four times), we will repeat a blessing which echoes the four saving actions of God toward his people described in Exodus 6:6-7:

*"Say therefore to the people of Israel, I am the LORD, and **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will deliver you from slavery** to them, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. **I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God**, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."*

The blessing is: ***"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine."***

The reason we 'bless God' before we eat or drink (as we see Jesus do in Matt. 14:19) is to express our gratitude for the one who extends the blessing of food and drink to us.

SONG LYRICS

Jesus Paid It All

(Elvina M. Hall, John T. Grape)

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

SONG LYRICS

Nothing but the Blood

(Robert Lowry)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

For my pardon, this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing, this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

SONG LYRICS

The Passover Song

(Caroline Cobb)

There's a promise in our veins
But it's faded by all these years in
chains
Send a prophet, send the plagues
That by sunrise we will no more be
slaves
Take the lamb, take the blood
And paint it on our doorways
At night, death will come but pass us
by

This is all our hope and peace

In the morning, we will rise
Taste the freedom we thought we'd
never find
We will dance now, in the streets
Once held captive now we shall live as
kings
Lift your head, your voice
And sing of your salvation
Of the blood of the lamb that gave us
life

Now by this we'll overcome
Now by this we'll reach our home

There's a poison in our veins
And it leads to death we cannot
escape
Send a ransom, a perfect son
Remedy the curse by his precious
blood
And the lamb, that will come,
His cross will be our doorway

And the red of his blood it will make
us white
And the daughters and sons, rejoice
in resurrection!
And death swallowed up in endless
life

Glory, glory, this I see
All my praise for this I bring
Not of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

SONG LYRICS

Christ and Christ Crucified

*(Lindy Cofer, Circuit Rider Music,
Mitch Wong)*

The wages of my sin was death
You knew I couldn't pay the debt
You paid it with Your final breath
Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah
You took the wrath that I deserved
Your holy blood broke every curse
Your mercy had the final word
Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah

**We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You, we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah, hallelujah**

Hallelujah, hallelujah

No sin is bigger than Your blood
No shame is stronger than Your love,
ayy
'Cause You said, "It's finished, it is done"
Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah

And death couldn't keep You in the
ground
You rose in power, took Hell down
And that power's living in us now
Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah