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Worship @Home

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH KLANG | 26 APR 2020



DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Greetings in Jesus' name. It has been more than a month that people in Malaysia have been in partial lockdown. We, at Wesley Methodist Church, Klang have been worshipping the Lord from our homes, and slowly progressing to pre-recording our Praise & Worship times as well as the sermon.

The latest news from TRAC is that TRAC has directed all our churches to remain closed in the month of May for worship services regardless of the MCO period. This means that our online services will continue until at least the end of May.

Some encouraging news is that Bishop Dr Ong Hwai Teik (Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia) has given the approval for online Holy Communion to be done only with the Methodist pastors presiding over the elements, online and during the context of the Sunday Worship Service. As such, I urge you to prepare the elements by yourself at your home (grape juice and wafer / bread only) for the Worship Service on May 3, 2020. This privilege is only effective while the church building is closed for worship services.

Finally, this simple resource material is made possible for assisting you to worship God from your home. Please use it for the glory of God.

Rev Ashok Amarasingham

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REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENEMIES AND AN EMPTY TOMB

Jesus' resurrection was good news for His disciples. But Matthew doesn't tell us about Jesus appearing to them. Instead, he tells us about Jesus' appearance to the women and about what happened when the report of His resurrection reached the Jewish leaders. He wants us to see what happened when God confronted them with Jesus' empty tomb.

BELIEVING THE ROMAN GUARDS (Matthew 28:11)

The Jewish leaders remembered that Jesus had talked about rising after three days. They feared that His disciples would steal His body and so they sealed the stone on the tomb and posted a Roman guard outside.

But their efforts couldn't keep Jesus from rising. When He had risen, an angel rolled away the stone and the guards fell like dead men (Matthew. 28:2-4). Later, some of those guards came to the Jewish leaders and reported everything that had happened. The angel's actions made the guards into witnesses who would testify to Jesus' enemies about His empty tomb.

The Jewish leaders don't question what the Roman guards say. They believe their report — which means that they believe that an angel from God rolled away the stone. They condemned Jesus to die, but God vindicated Him by raising Him and sending an angel to confirm it.

Jesus' empty tomb demands a choice. The Jewish leaders recognize what had happened. They understand what it means. But they refuse to humble themselves, repent, and follow Jesus.

DECEIVING THE JEWISH PEOPLE (Matthew 28:12-15)

The chief priests summon the elders for another council. They can't deny the empty tomb, but if they work quickly enough they can stop the report of the resurrection from spreading and being believed.

They concoct another story and use money from God's temple to bribe the guards to spread it. Anyone who pays for lies is afraid of the truth. They know Jesus wasn't a deceiver, but they become deceivers to keep people from believing that God raised Jesus from the dead.

They tell the Roman guards to say that they fell asleep and, while they were asleep, Jesus' disciples stole His body. They assure the guards that Pilate won't punish them for sleeping.

But if the Roman guards had really been sleeping, wouldn't they be punished? And if they were sleeping, how did they know it was Jesus' disciples who stole the body? And why didn't anyone arrest the disciples and find the body? They claim too much and they do too little.

The story is convincing only to those who don't want to believe the truth. The lie catches on, but the lie still confirms the truth. Even Jesus' enemies didn't deny that His tomb was empty on the third day.

That truth demands a choice: you can join Jesus' enemies in believing a lie, which leads to your own destruction, or you can join Jesus' disciples in rejoicing in the truth of Jesus' resurrection, which is your salvation.

(JOHN BARACH)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE & WORSHIP (song lyrics on next page)

10,000 Reasons

Ever Be

New Wine

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/0gPm6U4K8SE>

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

Ever Be

Verse 1

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
Beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Pre-Chorus

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

Chorus

Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips

Verse 2

You Father, the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like You, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride
Free of all the guilt, and rid of all the shame
And known by her true name, it's why I sing

Bridge

You will be praised
You will be praised
With angels and saints
We sing worthy are You, Lord

New Wine

Verse

In the crushing
In the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

Pre-Chorus

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Chorus

Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus, bring new wine out of me

Verse

In the crushing
In the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

Bridge

Where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
The Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-15 (New International Version)

Jesus Has Risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Guards' Report

¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of

money, ¹³telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

MESSAGE

Truth & Lies About Jesus

(Rev Ashok Amarasingham)

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/eJuHMYKZLpl>

TRUTH & LIES ABOUT JESUS

Matthew 28: 1-15

Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going?

JOSH MCDOWELL: EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT

Religion & prestige.

"Have you ever considered Jesus Christ?"

"Why don't you examine the claims that Jesus was the Son of God?"

We must re-examine the evidence of Jesus' resurrection today and believe in the truth and dismiss the lies.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL ADDS ON MORE DETAILS

Matthew 28

- Earthquake (.v2)
- Angel rolled the stone away (.v2)
- Roman guards tremble in fear (.v4)
- Jesus himself appears to the women in bodily form (.v9)

TRUTH

1. We must worship the resurrected Jesus (Matt 28:9, Matt 2:11 & John 9:38)
2. Jesus resurrected in full bodily form (Matt 28:9)

LIES

1. The disciples stole Jesus' body (and money was used to fabricate this story)
2. Jesus did not really die but swoon. He revived in the tomb and then escaped. (John 19:34, John 20:7)



Truth & lies about Jesus

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- Jesus not only appeared post-resurrection in the gospels but to Saul (Act 9) and in dreams to hard core skeptics today. Lives change 180 degrees.
- Testimony of Josh McDowell
- Let's study the evidence today in the Bible and make our re-commitment to Christ.

CLOSING SONG

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Click link below to play:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK7i2vdtFsFs_LnqUpfe1Enoguyfv0XbP

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Verse 2

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood (Chorus)

Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace (Chorus)

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He are with me
Will be with me to the end (Chorus)

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Father God, You saw it fit for us to worship You today. It is not because we are perfect people, but because You are an awesome God who is worthy of our worship. Thank You for making us worthy to come before You to worship You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, as we close this time of worship, may our worship be acceptable before You today. May we continue in Your Word and use it for the glory of Your holy name.

The LORD bless us and keep us; the LORD make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; the LORD turn His face toward us and give us peace. AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE DURING THE MCO PERIOD

In compliance with the Movement Control Order (MCO) directive by the government which takes effect from **18 March till 12 May**, the following will be observed by the Church.

1. The church building and all facilities shall be closed until further notice.
2. The church office will also be closed during this period.
3. All church activities in church are also prohibited during this period (including Hot Kitchen, Worship services, prayer meetings, youth meetings etc.)
4. Cell groups are only allowed to meet in a virtual manner (e.g. via Zoom) for both CG meeting and worship service. Any other type of gathering of CG members in a home is not advised and cannot be done under the name of Klang Wesley.
5. Kindly note that the church staff are working from home. If you need their help, kindly call or WhatsApp them: Pastor Ashok (012-524 0061) | Jane (017-622 7226) | Pelita (016-625 6188) | Cheng It (012-915 3640) | Yap Chee Kai (012-236 0457) |

1. **POSTPONEMENT** The ministry weekend by Pastor Terence Poh, originally scheduled for April 24-26, 2020 will be **postponed to June 12-14, 2020**.
2. **21-DAYS PRAYER MEETING EXTENDED** Please take note that we will continue the daily online prayer meetings until the MCO period is over. Please refer to the Prayer Support section for details on how you can participate.

3. **HOLY COMMUNION** Please note that Holy Communion will be served online by Pastor Ashok next Sunday, **May 2, 2020**. You will need to prepare the elements by yourself at your home (grape juice and wafer / bread only). Please refer to the Guidelines for online Holy Communion from TRAC that has been sent to you.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Dear friends, I believe God is calling us like never before to take our annual Lent seriously in 2020 in line with personal holiness as the church has called us to “Disciple Ourselves so as to Disciple Others”. I invite you to please join the church Prayer Meetings via online Zoom App. -**PASTOR ASHOK**

ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

LINK: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/421481558>

22nd March (Sun) to 12th May (Tue)

8am – 9am

For any specific prayer needs or request, feel free to drop a message to Sister Mei Fong at 019-313 7793, or email to general@klangwelsey.com

GIVING

While we acknowledge that many people are affected by the current MCO situation, we encourage you to continue giving your tithes / offering during this time through online banking. The details are below:

ONLINE BANKING DETAILS

ACCT #: 171-315-561-1

**ACCT NAME: WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
KLANG**

BANK: UOB

REFERENCE: TITHE / OFFERING

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

1. Sometimes it is hard to know what is true in a world when everything to do with God and His Word is being attacked – not only in the secular arena, but also in Christian ministries as well. Pray that we will be diligent seekers of God's truth, that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth as we read and study God's Word. Pray that He will give us discerning hearts so we will not be swept into the many false doctrines that are sweeping through Christendom today. Pray also that the Lord will raise up prayer warriors who will be prepared to stand in the gap for many people in the world who have rejected the truth of God, and have been swept into the lies of the humanistic agenda. Pray that the truth of God's Word will be a beacon of light to those that are in need of a Saviour. Pray that the lies of the enemy will be exposed so that many who are heading for an eternity of separation from the Father may be swept into the Kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for our next generation: the young adults, youths and children. Pray that they will love the Lord deeply, and that their knowledge of Him will be rich, deep and personal, especially for those who are second or third generation Christians. Pray that during the MCO, when they have more time on their hands, they will get into Scripture daily. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach and strengthen them through it, that they will delight in God's Word, and be shaped and influenced by it. Pray for authentic, total heart transformation. Pray that this next generation will not trust in a memorized childhood prayer or an emotional

experience, but will trust in Christ alone. Pray that they will prioritize church over work and friends, and a thousand other trivial and temporal things. Pray that God will use the local church to equip, encourage, and sanctify them for life. Pray that God will use the next generation to do far greater things for his Kingdom than this generation, as the next generation learns from both the wisdom and the errors of their elders and boldly rises up to the challenges they will face.

3. There has been much to praise God for during this time of partial lockdown in the nation:
 - a. Praise God for the worship ministry team as they have risen up to the challenge to prepare the weekend services online. Pray for God's wisdom as the people work together to produce the resources for home worship each week, that everything will go smoothly as they upload the videos, and produce the e-bulletin each week. Praise God that a number of our church members who have not been able to worship God during our usual weekend services because of health issues or other reasons have been able to participate every week on the online worship services.
 - b. Praise God for the daily morning prayers via the Zoom app that have been on-going since the MCO began, and for the good response from our church members. As the prayer meetings will continue till the MCO ends, pray that more

people will avail themselves to lead the daily devotions, and that more people will join these online morning prayers that has been a daily blessing for all the participants.

- c. Praise God that a number of Cell Groups are still able to meet via the Zoom app during the MCO. Pray that the cell members will be encouraged and edified by these online meetings. Praise God also for Cell Leaders who regularly keep in touch with their cell members via whatsapp and phone calls.

- 4. Pray that the rakyat will be patient with the government's decision to extend the MCO for another 2 weeks to May 12, 2020, and comply with the MCO to stay home in order to help curb the spread of the coronavirus in the nation. Pray that the government will have wisdom to know which are the sectors and sub-sectors that can resume operations, and come up with effective guidelines to ensure the people's health and safety. Pray also that college and university students who are staying on campus now will have opportunity to return to their homes, as the government make plans to help the students travel home. Pray for wisdom for the government as it studies how to revive the economy in stages, including drafting a short mid-term economic revival plan so that economic activities can be restarted as fast as possible once the MCO ends. Praise God that there is a recent downward trend in the new Covid-19 infections in the nation, and pray that God will give wisdom to the health ministry to continue with effective measures to fully contain the spread of the virus.

5. Continue to pray for the safety of the frontline health care workers, that God's protection will keep them and their families safe from infection, and they will stay healthy. Pray that God will grant them the strength and energy to cope with the patients under their care. Pray that they will be encouraged as they see less number of cases, and more discharged patients recovering from the coronavirus each day. Pray also for safety for those who tirelessly go round to provide food supplies to those in dire need, including the migrants and refugees. Pray that these people will not abuse the charitable contributions during this MCO period, and ask for aid from different NGOs / church groups, thereby depriving others who also need food supplies.
6. The pandemic has changed almost everything. Pray that the global Church will view all these changes through the lenses of God, and come up with new ways to do church and evangelism. Praise God that our Methodist Bishop has made an unprecedented decision to allow online Holy Communion in our homes as our church buildings are closed. Hence, we are able to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Pray that God will awaken His Church to the need to be humble, and be deeply dependent on God rather than man. Pray that God will grant strength and wisdom to His people, and help His Church to be a people of faith, hope and love, to be united, and to grow to love and trust Him more and more each day as He refines His Church through the anguish and pain caused by the pandemic. Pray that God will give us compassion and generosity to take this opportunity to go out of our way to

connect with those who are in isolation, to offer to buy groceries for an elderly neighbour, or support those who are delivering basic food items to people in need through our financial giving and prayers.

OTHER RESOURCES

Online Worship Services

Church	Link	Service Time(s)
DUMC	http://dumc.my/watch-live/	Saturdays 5PM Sundays 9AM
DUMC Children's Church		
Little Lambs (Age 2-3)	http://bit.ly/CCLittleLambs Activity Sheets http://bit.ly/LLM-Activities	Saturdays 2.15PM
Explorers (Age 4-6)	http://bit.ly/CCExplorers Activity Sheets http://bit.ly/EXP-Activities	Saturdays 2.15PM
Venturers (Ages 7-9)	http://bit.ly/CCVenturers Activity Sheets http://bit.ly/VEN-Activities	Saturdays 2.15PM
Trailblazers (Ages 10-12)	http://bit.ly/CC-Trailblazers Activity Sheets http://bit.ly/TRB-Activities	Saturdays 2.15PM

TRAC Resource for Home Worship

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1A6UDCZTPg2yLA3TaNqMB07nuwLQCYo2w>

Articles

Christianity Today

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/coronavirus-churches-christians-news-advice-covid-19.html>

Prayer Guide by 24-7 Prayer Asia

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Lrg5zYMUcG82vL_mj1ldrhbNVPgRHw_N

Devotional Material

Our Daily Bread <https://odb.org/>

Praise & Worship Songs

Integrity Music <https://www.youtube.com/user/integritymusic>

Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsonglive>

Gateway <https://www.youtube.com/user/gatewayworship>

Bethel <https://www.youtube.com/user/ibethelmusic>

Worship Central <https://www.youtube.com/user/worshipcentral1>