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Worship @Home

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH KLANG | 3 MAY 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

(Pastor, Wesley Methodist Church, Klang)

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REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

ACTIVE FAITH

When my son Karl was just a toddler, I would stand him up on the table and call for him to jump from the table into my arms. Did Karl believe I would catch him? Yes. How did I know he believed? Because he jumped. Suppose he wouldn't jump. "Do you believe I will catch you, Karl?" I might coax, and he may nod yes. But if he never jumps, does he really believe I will catch him? No. Faith is active, not passive. Faith takes a stand. Faith makes a move. Faith speaks up.

There are a lot of Christians who claim to have great faith in God but are spiritually lethargic and don't do anything. Faith without action is not faith; it's dead, meaningless: So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (James 2:17-18)! If it isn't expressed, it isn't faith. In order to believe God and His Word, we must do what He says. If you don't do what He says, you don't really believe Him. Faith and action are inseparable.

Sadly, one of the common pictures of the church today is of a group of people with an assumed faith but little action. We're thankful that our sins are forgiven and that Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for us, but we're basically cowering in fear and defeat in the world, just hanging on until the rapture. We treat the church as if it's a hospital. We get together to compare wounds, and hold each other's hands, yearning for Jesus to come and take us away.

The church is not a hospital; it's a military outpost under orders to storm the gates of hell. Every believer is on active duty, called to take part in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Thankfully, the church has an infirmary where we can minister to the weak and wounded, and that ministry is necessary. But our real purpose is to be change agents in the world, taking a stand, living by faith, and accomplishing something for God. You can say you believe God and His Word. But if you are not actively involved in His plan, are you really a mature believer?

If we are not moving forward by faith and taking ground today, we are only treading water or slipping backward. We need to ask God to nudge us forward.

(NEIL T. ANDERSON)

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

The Great Commission spells out the central purpose for all believers. After salvation, our lives belong to Jesus Christ who died to purchase our freedom from sin and death. He redeemed us so that we might become useful in His Kingdom.

We don't have to strive to fulfill the Great Commission. Remember, Christ promised that He Himself would always be with us. Both His presence and His authority will accompany us as we carry out His disciple-making mission.

(MARY FAIRCHILD)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, it is our privilege and joy to worship You today. As we sing, let us make a joyful sound to You. May the meditations of our hearts and our thoughts be a pleasing aroma to You. As we listen to Your Word may we trust in Your unfailing promises. Your Word holds true, it is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see You more clearly today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

PRAISE & WORSHIP (song lyrics on next page)

It's All About You

The Creed

I Will Follow You

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/kwwMc0TAu74>

It's All About You

Verse 1

You are the holy One
You are the living Word
You are the center of my focus, Jesus

You are the Son of God
You are the solid rock
You are the center of my focus, Jesus

You're the lover of my soul
And I adore You only

Chorus

It's all about You
It's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus

Verse 2

You are miraculous
You are supernatural
You are the center of my focus, Jesus

You are all powerful
You are so wonderful
You are the center of my focus, Jesus

You're the lover of my soul
And I adore You only

The Creed

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is Three in One

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Verse 2

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is Three in One

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I Will Follow You

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow...

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my side
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus 2

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You
I will follow You

Verse 2

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone, in You alone
(Chorus 2)

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus 2

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You
I will follow You

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Verse

Whom have I in heaven but You
There is nothing on earth I desire beside You
My heart and my strength, many times they fail
But there is one truth that always will prevail

Chorus

God is the strength of my heart
God is the strength of my heart
God is the strength of my heart
And my portion forever, forever

THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 16-20 (New International Version)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MESSAGE

Leave Jerusalem And Go To Galilee For Your Call

(Rev Ashok Amarasingham)

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/sswK1ndOz3g>

Leave Jerusalem &
go to Galilee
for your Call

Matthew 28: 16-20

Why do we have four gospel accounts of Jesus?

TO GIVE A FULLER PICTURE INTO THE LIFE OF JESUS

Luke-Acts 1 emphasise

JERUSALEM

was to be the place where the Holy Spirit came mightily on the Day of Pentecost, the expansion of the church begins in Jerusalem...to the ends of the earth.

Matthew, Mark & John emphasise

GALILEE

is the place of Jesus. He first called his disciples there: Follow Me. Jesus needed to bring the Eleven there to heal and restore them for the work of discipleship.

Leave Jerusalem,

(run far away from your doubts, failures and denial of Christ),

and go to your Galilee,

(the place where Christ first called you and now restores you calling for ministry of discipleship)

Leave Jerusalem, and go to your Galilee

LESSONS FROM MATTHEW 28

1. The Eleven Needed to See Jesus (v.17)
2. The Eleven Needed to Hear the Words of Jesus (v.18-20)

Leave Jerusalem, and go to your Galilee

THE FOUR "ALLS"

1. All authority
Is Jesus your Commander in Chief or a 'buddy-buddy' friend?
2. All nations
Make disciples is the main verb. Our church theme is "Discipline ourselves so as to Disciple others".
3. All that I have commanded you
Teaching our children from the Bible is important. As a church, are we teaching others online?
4. Always with us
Let us connect with him in prayer

SONG OF COMMITMENT

O, Zion Haste

Click link below to play:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK7i2vdtFsFtW8K1r5vNdP0uwp91FQphe>

Verse 1

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling
To tell to all the world that God is light
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night

Chorus

Publish glad tidings
Tidings of peace
Tidings of Jesus
Redemption and release

Verse 2

Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison house of sin
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying
Or of the life He died for them to win (Chorus)

Verse 3

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above (Chorus)

Verse 4

Give of thine own to bear the message glorious
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious
O Zion, haste to bring the brighter day (Chorus)

HOLY COMMUNION (Please have the holy communion elements ready - grape juice & wafer / bread only)

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/SqJkcYgC0xg>

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Father God, we have gathered here today as Your people to offer You our sacrifice of praise and worship. We have fed on Your Word, been refreshed through partaking of the Holy Communion, felt the encircling of your Spirit around our lives. May we continue to know Your presence and power in the our lives this coming week, and live our lives for Your praise and glory.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **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. **WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY** Please take note that Klang Wesley will be having online Worship Services for the whole month of May 2020.

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. Praise God for touching our lives with His love. Pray that He will empower us to touch the lives of others through the love He first gave us, to reach out to people around us in words and deeds of love, especially during this pandemic when many are fearful and anxious. Ask for forgiveness for the times when we have procrastinated because we were too busy with our own concerns, when we were worried that the job was too big, too hard, and too personally demanding. Pray that God will help us see the people He wants us to share His love with – our relatives, friends, neighbours – that He will burden our hearts for these people with His mercy and love. Pray that God will make us disciple makers. Pray that the Lord will grant all His people throughout the world the courage to speak His truth, to pray continually, and to work under the empowering of the Holy Spirit to make this world more like His Kingdom.
2. Praise God that *“we know that to those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good.”* (Romans 8:28). Praise Him that in spite of the inconvenience of the MCO, God is using this time to renew our minds and hearts, and mold our character so that we will be exactly who He wants us to be – a reflection of Christ. Pray that we will be pliable clay in the hands of the Master Potter: that we will obey Him, and allow Him to touch every area of our lives, repenting of weaknesses as He brings them to the surface; meditating on His Word, and living it out in our daily lives; learning to

wait on God and praying persistently; recommitting ourselves to Him and to what He is doing in our lives; loving Him for who He is, and not for what He can do for us, or give us; and constantly abiding in Christ, so that we will bear lasting fruit that glorifies Him. Pray that as we surrender to His transforming work in us, He will re-create us in Christ to be the beautiful vessels He intends each of us to be.

3. Pray for the Orang Asli (OA) as they face this MCO. Some of the OAs have hunkered down in their huts in the forest, so as to avoid getting infected by the coronavirus, and they live on jungle produce, but make in-and-out trips to villages to replenish items they need. Most of the others remain in their villages, also depending on rural sustenance, but with access to the *kedai runcit* for items they need to buy. Pray that during this time, they will learn to rely on God for His protection and provision. Pray that the Lord will provide for all their needs, be it physical, mental, emotional, psychological, social or spiritual. Pray for all round safety, and that they will not contract any viruses. Pray for the OA pastors, Pastor Rezo, Pastor Noraini and Pastor Rizal, that they will exercise strong leadership at this time, ministering to the OA people, encouraging them to stay strong in Jesus, and to trust in Him. Pray that the OAs will experience the presence, strength and grace of the Lord, that their faith in Him will deepen and grow, and they will be more excited and passionate about sharing the Gospel with other OAs.

4. Pray for those who are suffering during this pandemic:
- for those who are sick / infected by the virus: pray that they may regain their strength and health through quality medical help to fight the disease. Pray that the comfort of God's healing presence will grant them His peace as they entrust their lives to the health care providers. Pray for God's healing upon them. Pray also for families who have lost loved ones, especially for those who were unable to attend the funerals of loved ones who died from the coronavirus, that God will give solace and comfort to them as they mourn and grieve their loss, and grant them closure.
 - for nursing homes: pray that God will encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Pray against any spread of infection, and for God's comfort upon families who are unable to visit their loved ones who are staying in nursing homes during this time of the pandemic.
 - for those financially affected: pray that God will protect them from depression and helplessness as they have lost / on the verge of losing their jobs. Praise God for enabling the government to provide financial packages to them. Pray that God will stir the hearts of those who have the ability to give, that they will help and aid people in want.
- Pray that during this time of darkness, God's light will displace the darkness, and grant hope and life for the future.
5. Pray for divine wisdom for the government as it looks into striking a balance between protecting the *rakyat* from Covid-19 and reducing further economic losses due to the MCO. The PM announced that the country was losing up to RM2.4 billion a day due to the MCO, with a total of RM63 billion in losses so far, and would lose another RM35 billion should economic sectors remain closed for another month. Furthermore, although the global Covid-19 situation is not

expected to end any time soon, the economic outlook of the country cannot be allowed to stagnate any further. As the government has decided that most economic sectors in the country will be allowed to reopen on May 4, 2020 during the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), pray that the businesses involved will heed the standard operating procedures (SOP) set by the Ministry of Health (MoH), and adhere to social distancing and other guidelines issued by the international trade and industry ministry (MITI) under the movement control order (MCO). As the government is relaxing the MCO for the *rakyat*, pray that the people will not abuse the situation, but will abide by the guidelines and conditions set by the government.

6. The number of people worldwide who have been infected with the coronavirus has exceeded 3 million, and about 250,000 have died from the disease. Pray that where global fear, uncertainty and anxiety are on the increase due to the pandemic, when many are anxious that they might become ill, when many are anxious about their parents and children, their friends, their jobs and their security, they will turn to God. Pray that as they see how fragile life is, people will call on Jesus in their pain, suffering and worries, and find the rest, comfort, peace and hope that only He can provide. Pray for God's mercy upon the third world countries, that He will contain the spread of infection in the world's most densely populated and poorest cities, and spare these countries that are already burdened with disease and chronic poor health. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire Christians in every neighbourhood, community, and city in every nation in the world to intercede on behalf of their nation, repenting of sins and asking for God's forgiveness. Pray that God will use His people as agents of love and compassion to love, give, serve and proclaim the Gospel. Pray that God will draw people to Himself through the saving power of Christ.

7. Pray the following prayer:

- May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
- May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
- May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent.
- May we who have the flexibility to care for our children remember those children who will go hungry because their parents have no means to put food on the table.
- May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember homeless people who have no homes to return to.
- May we who have savings in the bank remember those who live hand to mouth.
- May we who have eternal life in Christ Jesus remember those who have to face an uncertain future, and the fear of death, and find ways to be the loving embrace of God to them.

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

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>