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WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH KLANG | 10 MAY 2020



DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST,

We anxiously wait for news on whether the MCO will finally end on May 12, 2020. It has been nearly two months since we have spent nearly all our time at home, and we are sure that the home furniture has become so familiar to you. Our pet dog, Nala, has certainly enjoyed manifold pats and body rubs from us, and supports the Prime Minister if the MCO is further extended!

We have become more accustomed to online, whether it be Sunday Worship Service, daily church prayer meetings, committee meetings or even our Cell Group meetings. Finally, when we do get to see one another in church, it will certainly bring joy to our hearts, albeit we cannot shake hands or hug one another.

This MCO has taught us that God and family are here to stay and cannot be eliminated. Nobody and no circumstances can ever separate us from God's enveloping love, and Covid-19 can absolutely not touch or destroy it. Relationships remain forever. Never have we ever realized that God is so great, loving and powerful. God allows Covid-19 to spread and cause damage only because Christ has not yet returned in final victory. Covid-19 can diabolically laugh at us, but God will have the final say. Let us therefore never stop praying to God to end this global pandemic and anticipate God's victory.

Pastor Ashok & Jane

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REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

NO GREATER LOVE

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13, NLT)

Arguably, the most loving mother in the Bible is Mary, the mother of Jesus. As an engaged young lady, probably in her mid to late teens, an angel appeared to her to tell her she would be bearing none other than the Son of God. How would you respond to that? Her response demonstrated her willingness to lay down her life. "Here am I, the servant of the Lord," she told the angel, "Let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

There were many among Mary's family, friends, and neighbours who I am sure did not believe Mary (would you?) and considered her Son illegitimate. Scripture is silent about how she handled that, but I am sure Mary stood up for her Son. In keeping with Jewish law, when Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple for His circumcision and dedication. At the temple an elderly man named Simeon, who the Bible tells us was filled with the Holy Spirit, took the Infant Jesus in his arms and blessed Him. Then he looked at Mary and prophesied about Jesus' life and concluded with these words, "a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Luke 2:35).

Mary appears a few more times in the Gospel accounts—finding Jesus in the temple teaching the elders at age twelve, witnessing Jesus' first miracle in turning water to wine at a wedding, seeing Jesus on occasion preaching and teaching.

The years flew by and eventually Jesus was with His disciples at the Last Supper, telling them, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Later that same night Jesus was betrayed and arrested. And the next day Mary, now in her late forties, found herself standing at the foot of the cross, gazing up at her Son, helpless to do anything to ease His suffering because it was not allowed by the Roman soldiers who carried out the crucifixion.

I wonder what she thought as she watched and listened to her Son suffer. I wonder how she felt as people insulted Him and would not leave Him alone, even then. Scripture is silent about Mary saying anything at that point, perhaps because all she could do was cry.

No doubt when Jesus was young, Mary had caressed His face and kissed His head, had washed and combed His hair many times. And now her Son’s face was marred having been punched by Roman soldiers, His sacred head sorely wounded, a crown of thorns pressed into it, His hair matted with blood and sweat. No doubt when Jesus was a baby Mary had examined His tiny fingernails and toenails in those quiet sacred moments of infancy. No doubt when Jesus was a toddler Mary had held His hands as He learned to walk, and had tickled His feet and laughed with Him as He giggled. And now those hands and feet were pierced with nails, and a sword pierced her soul too. And yet in spite of all this Mary still remained at the cross. In spite of all this, Mary still stood up for her Son as her Son stood up for the world.

No doubt Jesus knew the favour of His mother Mary, and in His death on the cross Jesus conquered the power of sin and death and hell by being Himself conquered.

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

That’s what Jesus did on the cross for you, because He loves you that much. Jesus loves you so much He literally laid down His life for you. And through His death on the cross Jesus makes a trade with you—you give Him your filthy clothes of shame and sin and guilt and resentment, and He clothes you with grace and absolution and love—enough to cover you, to cover your relationship with your mother, to cover your relationship with your kids.

On this Mother’s Day I am reminded that a loving mother is one of the most powerful examples of what laying down your life for someone else looks like.

Mothers begin laying down their lives for their kids during pregnancy. And pregnancy and birth are just the beginning of mothers’ laying down their lives for their children. Then come the years and years of loving care – of hygiene and cooking and being a taxi driver and doing laundry and field trips and school shopping and navigating the demonic behaviour of two-year olds and the hormonal insanity of teenagers and still more hygiene and emergency trips to the doctor...it never stops.

In my honest opinion I think being a mom is the most important and most difficult job in the world. Motherhood involves literally laying down your life for your family. Often mothers not only feel underappreciated and overwhelmed, they also hold themselves to utterly impossible standards.

And there are no guarantees for mothers. Even when mothers lay down their lives for their kids, some kids still resent their mothers, or blame them for their mistakes, or get themselves into serious trouble. Some kids break their mothers' hearts, leaving them asking themselves what they did wrong—and sometimes the answer is... nothing.

Mothers, God did not send His Son to load you down with impossible standards or guilt because your relationships with your husband and children are not always peaceful and loving, but to save you instead, to give you grace and absolution and love. Jesus Himself said, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

So, to all mothers, thank you for everything you've done for us – every hug, every word of encouragement, and every act of love you've given us. Thank you for laughing with us in the best of times and sticking with us through the worst of times! It's more than we can ever repay you! **A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU!**

(DAVE JOHNSON)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7 (In Unison)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for He is our God

and we are the people of His pasture,

the flock under His care.

PRAISE & WORSHIP (song lyrics on next page)

Refiner's Fire

Oceans

I Am Who You Say I Am

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/NfNEMTAVhgg>

Refiner's Fire

Verse 1

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold

Chorus

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, my Lord

I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin and make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within (Chorus)

Oceans

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now (Chorus)

Bridge

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Bridge 2

You've been so, so good to me

You've been so, so good to me

Oh, to think where I would be

If not for You

If not for You

(Repeat Bridge X3)

I Am Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me
Oh, His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
Yes, I am who You say I am

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:13 (New Revised Standard Version)

13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

MESSAGE

A Mother's Love

(Mr Yap Chee Kai)

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/Q1E2J42qM9Q>



Living testimony of a Mother's Love

The Mother's farewell discourse message:

**“If you can survive, you
must remember the ‘vine’
and my love for you.”**

Today's message based on:

The Vine & the Branches
John 15:1 – 17

“No one has greater love than this”

(v.13a: NRSV)

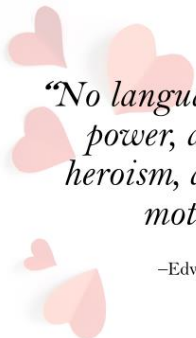
This verse is an expansion for v.12b

- **Agape** (love)

No one has greater love than this:

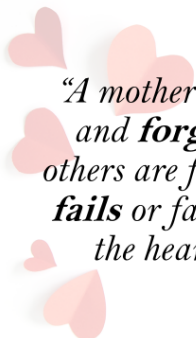
- Jesus abides in the Father's love (vv.9–10)
- We remain in Jesus's love (v.10)

Summed up in one command: **“love one another”**



*“No language can express the
power, and beauty, and
heroism, and majesty of a
mother’s **love**”*

—Edwin Hubbell Capin



*“A mother’s love is **patient**
and **forgiving** when all
others are forsaking, it **never**
fails or falters, even though
the heart is breaking.”*

—Helen Rice

The word “abide” appears **10** times

John 15:4-7, 9,10 (NRSV)

- v.4a **Abide** in me as I **abide** in you
- v.4c neither can you unless you **abide** in me
- v.5b Those who **abide** in me and I in them bear much fruit
- v.6a whoever does not **abide** in me is thrown away like a branch and withers
- v.7a If you **abide** in me, and my words **abide** in you
- v.9c **abide** in my love
- v.10 If you keep my commandments, you will **abide** in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love.

Lesson 1:

To abide in Jesus as the true vine

Abiding

- in His Word (v.7; cf. 8:31)
- in His Love (vv. 9-10)
- in His Command (v.10)

As **genuine** disciples of Christ versus counterfeit Christians (John 6:66)

Lesson 2:

Love for the Community

“If we genuinely love God, we are to genuinely love Jesus, His Son. And If we genuinely love Jesus, we must be obedient to Him (14:15)

And our obedience is tested by how we live out the love command: love one another (13:34-35; 15:12)

(D.A. Carson)

SONG OF COMMITMENT

No Greater Love

Click link below to play:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK7i2vdtFsFuFadJvTm9wJUCssldadKy->

Verse 1

You loved me, when I was so unlovely
You sought me when I was lost
You showed me how much You really loved me
When You bought me at the highest cost

Chorus

There's no greater love than this
There's no greater love than this
That a man would give his life for a friend

There's no higher sacrifice
Than a man would give his life
You have paid a precious price for me

Verse 2

You chose me, when I was so unworthy
You cleansed me with Your own blood
You clothed me with righteousness and mercy
And You crowned me with Your steadfast love (X2 Chorus)

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION (In Unison)

Almighty God, thank You for revealing Your love to us today. As we go forth in Your name, may we go in the power of the Holy Spirit. May Your grace and love be with us each day. Bless us, O Lord, with Your unfailing love and cause the work of our hands to prosper and bring honour to You. Uphold us in the palm of Your hand and see us through each stage of our lives. Bless us when we go out and when we come in.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **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 (UPDATED)** The ministry weekend by Pastor Terence Poh, originally scheduled for April 24-26, 2020 will be **postponed to November 13-15, 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.
4. **ADULT BIBLE CLASS** Sunday Online classes will be conducted via Zoom.



Together in Christ

Date : 17th, 24th and 31st May 2020
Time: 11.00am to 12 noon.

Sunday Online Class via Zoom

Dear friends,
Faith comes by hearing, and hearing from the Word. His Word that defines how we should live our lives and contribute to the society around us. Covid-19 or NOT, we shouldn't STOP the learning and the discipleship journey with our Lord!

Facilitators:
1. Bro Ernest Lin
2. Bro Jesse Teh

*Let's come together
for the Adult Bible Class!*

The Topics:

- The upside-down world and His dying love ... Saved by God
- Made alive in Christ ... Trusting in God
- Facing the upside-down world with His grace ... Living God's way

Please register using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG9iVvk3iG45ahQOX7eMqT2Xw-zVZabA9icNk9SVsLpj0m3Tw/viewform?usp=sf_link

For further information, please contact Jesse Teh (012-200 3981) or Pelita (016-625 6188)

A copy of the invite can also be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1RCIORxAPXEt8UKcrh9fGnT4OPj-wSgKC>

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. A Mother's Day Prayer (by Meg Bucher)

Father God, motherhood is a gift we are incredibly thankful for. For mothers learn so much about themselves, about who they were meant to be, through this journey You have purposed them to walk in. They also learn more about who You are, as they unconditionally love their own children, no matter the cost.

Father, Your goodness and compassion for our mothers is immeasurable. Continue to guide their steps as mothers. Show them how to guide their children to You. Help them learn how to encourage their children, cheering them on so the children may discover the great and amazing plans You have for them.

Sustain our mothers when they are weary, for You are their strength. In their weakness, You are strong. But when they are caught up in panicked emotion as their protective instincts override their senses, they often forget to lay what's burdening them at Your feet.

As mothers face impossible situations without precedent, increase their trust in You, Father God. Because of Christ, You are always with our mothers. Help them to embrace their value in Christ, because in doing so, their children will see and experience the true power of being loved as a child of God. Lord, You love our mothers, just as they are, and living in Your love enables them to experience true freedom, joy, and peace, regardless of the circumstances.

Take away the benchmarks that mothers place upon themselves, and the comparisons they fall victim to. Bless them with peace of mind, and the full satisfaction of being loved by You. For they love, because You first loved them. May their children come to know You, and Your great love, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

2. Praise God for the greatest of all examples of love that Christ demonstrated towards us, in that while we were still sinners He died for us, and has called us to be members of His Church and to love others as He has loved us. Confess to the Lord that we have not lived lives that are filled with genuine love, and we frequently fall short of the kind of sacrificial love He commanded us to have. Pray that God will pour out His love on us so we can demonstrate it to others. Pray that through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, we will learn to share God's unconditional love with others, to put others first and to love them even when it is costly and when it hurts. Thank the Lord that He has blessed us with friends. Pray that He will help us be the kind of friends to others who are willing to put them first, and serve their needs. Pray that as we love others sacrificially, we will discover the love in God's own divine heart, and be blessed by it.
3. The head of the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned of a surge in coronavirus cases and a return to lockdowns if countries emerging from the pandemic restrictions do not manage transitions extremely carefully. Pray that as our nation has begun a gradually relaxed MCO that allows for economic activities to resume by strictly

following the standard operating procedure issued by the Health Ministry, we will be able to avoid severely affecting the economy that could lead to other social problems if there is a longer movement control order. Pray that all Malaysians will work hand in hand with the authorities, and take personal responsibility to help reduce the risk of further infections during this period of the conditional MCO. Pray for truth and empathy upon our political leaders, that God will grant them His guidance to make wise, practical decisions and set policies that will save the economy, and at the same time curb the spread of Covid-19. Pray that the government will communicate these decisions and policies clearly, truthfully and calmly to the rakyat, and that their messages will be understood and heeded by the public.

4. Pray for families as they adjust to new ways of life during this pandemic. Pray for families where every member is staying home that God will help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. Pray that they will use this time to enjoy and bond with one another as they cook together, play games and watch TV together, eat meals together, and talk about all sorts of things that they previously would not have had time to talk about. Pray that God will help worn-out parents with young children, and prompt them to speak words of kindness and encouragement to them. Pray that God will give spouses grace and patience for each other, and they will find time to strengthen their marriages. Pray that Christian families will draw closer to God as they practice the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer and worship together as a family. Pray also for family members who are

caught in abusive situations at home, that God will restrain those who commit harm, and provide protection and rescue for the victims and comfort them in their vulnerability.

5. Pray that God will heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us. Pray that He will impart upon His people His heart of compassionate for those who are in dire need during the pandemic: struggling families whose head of household has suffered pay cuts or loss of a job; children's & old folks' homes in dire need of funds to meet daily expenses, rental payment, utility bills, food, and staff salaries; and vulnerable communities like the homeless, migrants and refugees. Praise God for our Community Services Ministry, other churches and NGOs that have stepped up to provide relief items such as staple food items, and personal hygiene items like soap and detergent to these people. Pray for journey mercies for them when they venture out to distribute the food and hygiene items, and for God's protection to keep them safe and healthy. Pray that we will do our part by donating what we can, be it food items or even monetary aid, so that these poor communities will continue to receive aid until they can get back on their feet.
6. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia appointed the new Prime Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin, on February 29, 2020, with a new government taking over the running of our nation. Within a short span of 3 weeks, the Prime Minister announced the implementation of the MCO that was unprecedented in Malaysia. Of late, there has been political uncertainty in the nation, and with the convening of the

Parliament on May 18, 2020, there could be possible political changes taking place. Pray for God's will to be done in Malaysia. Pray that democracy will be carried out at all levels of governance in the nation. Pray that people in positions of power will act wisely and justly, with the interests of the people, and the good of the nation foremost in their minds.

7. Pray for a world that has suffered physical, emotional and financial devastation due to Covid-19, where nearly 4 million people have been infected with the virus, resulting in more than 270,000 deaths. Pray that God will grant wisdom, strength and protection to those in public health services, and in the medical profession as they commit themselves to care for the sick, especially to the frontliners in nations where the infections are in the tens and hundreds of thousands. Pray for insight and knowledge to scientists and researchers as they search for the most effective treatments, and pray fervently for a vaccine to be quickly discovered, tested, developed, and made available. Pray for the governments of all the nations of the world, that God will grant them divine wisdom in their decisions as they navigate the threats to lives and livelihoods during this pandemic. Pray that the Church worldwide will be a sign of hope, comfort and love to people living in fear and turmoil, and that God will give courage to His people to point the world to look for security, peace and hope in Christ.

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=1HurYr2GI2ntRJnI5iKj8LD9quYwB820d>

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>