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WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH KLANG | 30 MAY 2020



DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Originally known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks, Pentecost was a day's celebration of the grain harvest that God blessed His people with. It was one of three major festivals in the Jewish calendar. However, in the year that Jesus was crucified, raised to life, and finally ascended to heaven, this festival took on monumental significance. It was the birth of the Church. The Church began with three thousand believers and rapidly increased over time to several billion (not including the saints of yesteryears).

Christianity was to soon emerge as a new faith apart from Judaism, as some Jews believed in Jesus, but many other Jews failed to recognize Jesus as their Messiah. Conversely, thousands of Gentiles (non-Jews) believed in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and joined in the body of believers who embraced God's rich and unfolding Kingdom. This was not surprising because God's original intention was to draw all humanity back to Him, through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Even as Jewish Christians soon abandoned their religious practices that seemed meaningless in the light of Christ's perfect sacrifice for our salvation, Christians in 2020, like us, have to rethink "doing church" in the devastation that this global pandemic has done to all of us. Circumstances force us to do things differently – which is not bad, per se. For one, God has pressed the "pause" button in our lives to help us see the wretchedness of being caught up in the whirlwind of this rat race for years on end that has insidiously eroded our time with God and with our family members.

Churches like ours have refused to be content by not wanting to meet and connect with each other in brotherly and sisterly love. In order to do this, we have to embrace modern technology like internet conference calls. We have refused to stop meeting together to pray, and thus were able to continuously and daily meet for 52 consecutive mornings during the MCO, over online prayers.

The early believers prayed together (Acts 1:14) and God was pleased with their unity of purpose. No wonder God poured out His Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost so that people could believe that Jesus is indeed Lord and Saviour.

A blessed Pentecost Sunday to all of you.

Pastor Ashok

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REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

FUELED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

What an incredible experience that must have been -- to actually see tongues of flame resting on each of them as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many of us feel that access to that kind of power is no longer available. In fact we can sometimes feel our faith becoming dry and lifeless, as if the energy we once had for service has left us. Yet the Holy Spirit is available to you today as He has always been, waiting for you to ask for His presence and power. This example has been given to us throughout the Bible – in both the Old and New Testaments.

One story that comes to mind, involves the Old Testament prophet, Ezekiel (Ezekiel 37:1-14) who was given a vision in which the Lord instructed him to prophesy to a valley full of bones.

"So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them."

The bones came together, but there was no life -- they rattled together. The same is true for us when we try to work for the

Lord in our own power without the Holy Spirit's power or enabling -- there's no life in us either. Verse 9 continues,

"Then He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet a vast army."

The Bible often uses the words "wind" or "breath" to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is this breath of God, His Holy Spirit that comes upon us and into us -- powers and empowers us for service. The key to our receiving this power is obedience. In verse 10, Ezekiel says, "So I prophesied as He commanded me." In other words, Ezekiel obeyed. In Acts 1:12, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and waited in the upper room as Jesus had commanded (Acts 1:4). They were obedient as well.

If you are feeling spiritually dry, or maybe you're just going through the motions of Christian life without any significant purpose or direction, then it's time to ask God through His Spirit to reveal to you in what area of your life you need to obey. Ask God's Holy Spirit to fill you as you are obedient and empowered to humbly serve Him.

God's work in our life as well as usefulness in the Kingdom is typically interrupted when we fail to obey a God directive. What was the last thing God told you to do or change that you haven't quite finished? (MIKE BROOKS)

THE BASICS OF LIFE

The day was Pentecost. Three thousand people became devoted to Jesus Christ. It was the birthday of the Church. Earlier there had been only a small band of followers who listened to Jesus' teachings. But with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Church was born.

These fully devoted followers of Christ took the Good News of salvation to heart. Their lives changed. They found a new focus, a new devotion.

- They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching. It was a message of grace and hope--unlike any ever heard before. No longer would the world have to chase after God, for God had come in search of the world.
- They devoted themselves to the fellowship of believers. Not only did they love God, but they obeyed Jesus' command to love one another. They cared and provided for each others' needs and held each other accountable.
- They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread. Together they took the time to remember and believe that the Body of Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all their sins.
- They devoted themselves to prayer – conversation with God. They not only spoke to God but also listened for and learned God's will for the life of the church.

Teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer – are these the key focal points in your walk with God? (JERRY DYKSTRA)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please turn on the Worship Video,
& declare together with the Worship Team)**

Click link below to play:

<https://youtu.be/nH6rOQuObtw>

Psalms 66: 1-4 (In Unison)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of His name;

make His praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

All the earth bows down to You;

they sing praise to You,

they sing the praises of Your name."

PRAISE & WORSHIP (song lyrics on next page)

Trading My Sorrows

Still

Here I Am To Worship

Consuming Fire

Trading My Sorrows

Verse

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Chorus

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Amen
(REPEAT VERSE & X2 CHORUS)

Bridge

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed

I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning
(REPEAT VERSE & X3 CHORUS)

Still

Verse 1

Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me within
Your mighty hand

Chorus

When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still know You are God

Verse 2

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust (X2 Chorus)

Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spend with You

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
All together worthy
All together wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (X2 Chorus)

Bridge 1

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(X2 CHORUS)

Bridge 2

Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved
Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved

Consuming Fire

Bridge

Stir it up in our hearts, Lord (X3)
A passion for Your Name

Chorus

Consuming fire, fan into flame
A passion for Your Name
Spirit of God, fall in this place
Lord, have Your way
Lord, have Your way with us

Verse 1

There must be more than this
O breath of God, come breathe within
There must be more than this
Spirit of God we wait for You
Fill us anew we pray
Fill us anew we pray (*Chorus*)

Verse 2

Come like a rushing wind
Clothe us with power from on high
Now set the captives free
Leave us abandoned to Your praise
Lord, let Your glory fall
Lord, let Your glory fall (*X2 Chorus & Bridge*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 29 - 47 *(New International Version)*

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for

you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Fellowship of the Believers

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

MESSAGE

Pentecost Today & “Doing Church” Differently Now

Rev Ashok Amarasingham

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CLOSING HYMN

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Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My heart

Verse 1

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
Wean it from earth through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

Verse 2

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel visitant, no opening skies
But take the dimness of my soul away

Verse 3

Has Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind
I see Thy cross there, teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee and O let me find

Verse 4

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer

Verse 5

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame AMEN

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Rev Ashok Amarasingham

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 9 June**, 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-

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. **CORPORATE PRAYER MEETINGS (NEW LINK)**
Please take note that there will be online prayer meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (3 days a week) in the morning (8 - 8:30a.m.) and at night (9 - 10p.m.) Please refer to the Prayer Support section for details on how you can participate.
3. **WORSHIP SERVICES** Please take note that Klang Wesley will be having online Worship Services for the entire months of May and June, 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-wSqKC>

5. **HOLY COMMUNION** Please note that Holy Communion will be served online by Pastor Ashok next **Saturday / Sunday, June 7 / 8, 2020**. You will need to prepare the elements by yourself at your home (grape juice and wafer / bread only).

- 6. PENTECOST SUNDAY** The Klang Pastors' Fellowship will be organizing an online prayer meeting for Pentecost Sunday. Date is May 31, 2020 (Sunday) at 7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. The link is not yet available. If you wish to get the link closer to the date, kindly contact the church staff or Pastor Ashok.
- 7. CONDOLENCES** Condolences to Mr & Mrs Ong Eng Keong & their son Travis on the demise of Mr Ong's mother, Madam Teow Cheow, who passed away on May 28, 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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86879055124>

Meeting ID: 868 7905 5124

Password: 763853

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND

THURSDAYS

Morning (8 - 8:30a.m.) and

Night (9 - 10p.m.)

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 that He continues to pour His Holy Spirit upon His people in the 21st century. Pray that He will pour out His Spirit afresh in each of us today, that He will birth in us a deeper love for Christ, so that we will delight in fellowship with Him, and be disciplined in His ways. Pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit will continue to change the direction of our lives in ways that are pleasing to the Lord, and we will bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom. Pray that by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of the Early Church and continually devote ourselves to discipleship and evangelism. Pray that the Lord will help us build true fellowship within our church through breaking down any walls of hostility we may have erected against each other. Pray that He will make us to be of one heart and one mind and one accord, devoted to God and His Kingdom values, generous in giving, passionate in sharing the Good News, and glad to participate in anything that advances His Kingdom work in the midst of a world which has been ravished by Covid-19.
2. Pray for pastors and church leaders during this time of Covid-19. Pastors and their church leaders around the country have to make difficult decisions related to public worship, church ministries and the safety of their members. Pray that pastors and church leaders will have the wisdom to faithfully shepherd the congregations under their care, even if they are unable to physically gather together as a congregation, and the pastors and leaders are not able to do home / hospital visitations because of the coronavirus. Pray that God

will help the pastor and church leaders discover new and creative ways to reach out to the people under their care, and to encourage them with God's comfort, peace, hope, and love. Pray that the pastors and leaders will remain spiritually healthy, and spend time in God's presence, and be sensitive to what God is speaking to them through His Word, and then responding to Him in prayer and worship. Pray that during this difficult time, they will, by the grace of God, grow stronger in their faith, and be more committed disciples of Christ. Pray that they, and their families, will remain physically healthy by taking responsibility to practice the social disciplines, and that God's hedge of protection will always be upon them.

3. People living alone, especially those who are elderly, may have increased feelings of isolation, loneliness, anxiety and helplessness during these tough and uncertain times of the pandemic. Bring before the Lord the following: people who live alone and have gone without human company and contact for weeks / months; senior adults living in nursing homes, wondering when they will be able to see their loved ones again; anyone fighting a mental illness that worsens in isolation. Pray that God provide them with every necessary support, that there will be people who will reach out to these people in creative, yet safe ways so as to alleviate their need for human company and contact. Pray that friends and relatives will make time to connect with them regularly through *WhatsApp* messages and phone calls, or even leave notes and cards at their doorsteps so they will know they are not forgotten. Pray that people will also help them with their basic necessities of food, groceries and toiletries. Above all,

pray that God's love and presence will bring comfort, peace and strength to them, and He will protect them from the coronavirus.

4. Praise God that the latest data has shown that there is a decrease of the novel coronavirus infection rate among Malaysians, although the current issue facing the authorities is the increase in infection rate among illegal immigrants at Immigration Department depots. The other concern for the authorities is whether the recent Hari Raya festive season had any impact on the pandemic's rate of infection in the nation. Pray for God's wisdom upon the health authorities to handle all these issues so that the number of new infections can be brought lower. By June 9, 2020, the authorities should be able to make a decision, and if the low number of cases can still be sustained by then, taking into account the festive season, then more of the social and education sectors can be reopened. Pray for God's guidance upon the authorities for the right timing for reopening of schools and more social sectors. Pray that the public will continue to be vigilant, and continue to work hand in hand with the Health Ministry by maintaining their social responsibility, discipline and compliance to break the chain of Covid-19 transmission in the country.
5. Pray for the El-Shaddai Refugee Learning Centre (ERLC) that has been closed since the MCO began on March 18, 2020. Thank God that the ERLC committee has been able to pay the salaries of the teachers for the past 3 months, with a small pay cut. Pray for the online teachers' training conducted for all the teachers twice a week during this

lockdown that it will benefit the teachers, and greatly enhance their ability, passion and zeal to teach their students when school reopens. Pray for the 8 students preparing for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) who are currently doing their studies via online teaching by their teachers, and pray that the students will be able to prepare well for the IGCSE exams. As the other students are unable to have online classes, pray that schools will be allowed to reopen soon, and that the new procedures will be acceptable to all. Praise God that the members of the ERLC committee were able to bring food items and cash vouchers to many of the students' families during the MCO. Pray for the wellbeing of the students as they have been adversely affected by the MCO, with some families struggling to pay for their house rentals.

6. In response to the official announcement made by the nation's authorities about the conditional opening up of religious places of worship following the latest SOP, pray for wisdom upon the Heads of Churches of the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) as they submit applications of individual churches under their care for reopening. Pray for favour on each application. Pray that local church leaders and pastors will trust God for wisdom to know the way forward regarding church worship services and ministries in the church. Pray for God's creative grace and strength upon churches as they continue to prepare their online worship services, that the services will bless and edify the people as they worship the Lord in their homes. Pray that Christians will give priority to these online worship services, and make it a point to come before God each weekend to worship Him,

trusting Him that He is sovereign and is in control of this situation.

7. The number of Covid-19 infections worldwide have reached almost 6 million (May 29, 2020), and the rate of infections in many nations are still in the thousands and tens of thousands. The doctors, nurses and all health care workers are physical and mentally exhausted after months of caring for the sick, with no end in sight. Thank God for these brave women and men who are closest to the sick and suffering. Pray for God's protection upon them and their families as they protect those who are infected and vulnerable, and for strength and hope when they are discouraged and tired. Pray that they will have physical and emotional support, and be ensured that they have proper personal protective equipment at all times. Pray for those who have suffered during this global pandemic that God will sustain, console, and heal them. Pray for the leaders of all the nations, especially in nations with very high infection rates that God will grant them wisdom to respond to the challenges of this pandemic with prudence and sound judgment, that with foresight, their planning may protect lives, alleviate economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.

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>