



Good Friday Combined Worship Services

29 March 2024

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
TRADITIONAL SERVICES

29 March 2024 | GOOD FRIDAY

Wesley Sanctuary 8.30am (Live-streamed) | 11 am

LENT – A JOURNEY TOWARD HOLINESS

I. WE GATHER AND PREPARE

MEDITATION VERSES

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Mark 15:15

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Mark 15:33-34

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,

so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

PREPARATION PRAYER

Almighty God, guard our hearts and minds against all distractions, as You reveal Yourself to us through the prayers, songs, and Your Word preached, that we may gain a heart of wisdom to live a life worthy of Your calling. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

PRELUDE

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

All:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and one another
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Leader:

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

People:

**The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

Leader:

Drink deeply of these living waters.

People:

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Leader:

As we are called into worship on this day,
it is sobering to remember
that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

People:

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

He is Lord!

OPENING HYMN * **To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord** UMH 285

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1972 (Mt. 27:27-31; Mk 15:16-20; Jn 19:1-5)

Music (KINGSFOLD): English melody

UNISON PRAYER

God of glory,
in a world drawn to so many lesser visions of glory,
teach us the greater glory of Jesus,
 who did not grasp power,
 who was obedient to death,
 who did not despise the lowly,
 who stooped to wash his disciples' feet.

Help us to be formed
 into the likeness of Jesus.

Help us

to do nothing out of selfish ambition,
to seek the interests of others,
to love our enemies,
to be servants of your peace.

We pray this in the name of our suffering Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All:

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

[SILENT CONFESSION]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set neighbour against neighbour
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal us and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN From Ashes to the Living Font

Text: Alan J. Hommerding, b. 1956 © 1994, 2011, World Library Publications
Tune (LAND OF REST): USA folk melody

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader:

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God we know
in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER ON BEHALF OF ALL

Musical Interlude

III. WE UNITE IN SHARING & GIVING

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

8.30am

His Robes for Mine

Dawnbreakers

Words: Chris Anderson; Music: Greg Habegger
Arranged by Dan Forrest
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11am

Thy Will Be Done

Wesley Heralds

Words and Music: Craig Courtney
Arranged by Craig Courtney © 1985 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

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My Tribute

UMH 99

IV. WE UNITE IN LISTENING

Scripture Text	Mark 15:1–41
Sermon Title	The Arrest, Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
Speaker	Rev Raymond Fong

V. SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN *	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	UMH 298
	Words and Music: Craig Courtney	
	Arranged by Craig Courtney © 1985 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.	

BENEDICTION *

POSTLUDE

Prayer Ministry at the Altar

If you need someone to pray with you, please proceed to the inner rails of the altar area. If you wish to pray alone, please use the outer rails.

** Congregation may stand.*

29 MARCH 2024 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TEAMS		
	8.30am	11am
Preacher	Rev Raymond Fong	Rev Raymond Fong
Congregational Pastor	Rev. Chia Chin Nam	Rev. Ian Lee
Congregational PTM	Victor Chan	Eddy Chan
Worship Leader	Silas Wong	Lim Tze Peng
Conductor	Samuel Wong	Vivien Goh
Choir	Dawnbreakers	Wesley Heralds
Pianist	Charles Wu	Aaron Goh
Organist	Rosalind Woo	Timothy Goh
Sound	Keefe Quek	Lim Siew Hong
Slides	Loh Wai Meng	Cheah Lulu
Camera	Wong Chi Kong	William Chan
Live-streaming	Melvin Png & James Phoen	N.A.
Head Usher	Lawrence Koh	Peter Chow
Service Managers	Ivonne Lo & Serene Teo	Ivonne Lo & Serene Teo