

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
TRADITIONAL SERVICES
18 April 2025 | GOOD FRIDAY

Wesley Sanctuary 8.30am (Live-streamed) | 11.00am

I. GATHERING

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

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.

PRELUDE

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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 Reflection

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
our lives are cluttered by too many things
and too much to do.
We are driven by the need to succeed
and distracted from our service.
We cling on to titles, positions, and power
and let them define us.
We refuse to slow down until
we are broken down.
Help us to relinquish all idols
that are hindering us from
living out what we proclaim,
“You are sufficient for all our needs.”**

Amen.

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.

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:

Lord Jesus, we open our eyes to see your glory.

We open our ears to hear your wisdom.

We open our hands to offer you gifts.

We open our mouths to sing your praise.

We open our hearts to offer you our love.

You are Lord!

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.**

Silent Reflection

**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.**

Silent Reflection

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

PRAYER HYMN	To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord	UMH 285
SILENT PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (ASAS)		
MUSICAL INTERLUDE		

II. SERMON

Scripture Text	John 19:17–42	
Sermon Title	Where Do You Stand Before the Cross?	
Speaker	Rev Benjamin Lau	
Response Song*	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	UMH 301

III. WE RESPOND IN SHARING & GIVING

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
OFFERTORY PRAYER

TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

8.30am Behold the Man

Wesley Heralds

Words and Music: Jimmy Owens

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Solo: Cheong Thim Wan

11.00am Thank You, Jesus, For the Blood

Dawnbreakers

Words and Music Charity Gayle, Ryan Kennedy,

Steven Musso, David Gentiles and Bryan McCleery

Arranged by Mary McDonald

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DOXOLOGY *

A Lenten Doxology

Text: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006

Music (OLD 100th): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts.

Amen.

IV. SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN *

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

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.*

**18 APRIL 2025 GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE TEAMS**

	8.30am	11am
Preacher	Rev Benjamin Lau	
Congregational Pastor	Rev Lim Jen Huat	Rev Chia Chin Nam
Worship Leader	Lim Tze Peng	Irwin Seet
Conductor	Viven Goh	Binsar Tobing
Choir	Wesley Heralds	Dawnbreakers
Pianist	Aaron Goh	N.A.
Organist	Evelyn Lim	Terence Tan
Sound	Ho Han Ming	Edwin Tan
Slides	Lee Shin	Charmaine Chen
Camera	Elliot Law	Elliot Law
Live-streaming	James Phoen, Vanessa Wee	N.A.
Head Usher	Leong Wing Kong	Raymond Lim
Congregational PTM	Victor Chan, Eddy Chan	Gerhardine Foo, Tina Khoo
Service Managers	Ivonne Lo, Serene Teo, Dorcas Kwok	