

GOOD FRIDAY

Orchard Road Presbyterian Church



29 March 2024

9am



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Building a Disciple-Making Church

Good Friday Service
A Service of Readings & Silent Reflections

9 am to 10 am

Silence

Personal Prayer and Reflection

Entry of the Word

Welcome

Worship Leader

Call to Worship

John 1:1-14

Worship Leader

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Opening Prayer

Preacher

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:3-10

Worship Leader

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

Silent Reflection

There Is a Redeemer

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There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one
Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

Responsive Reading
[Congregation to respond readings in bold]

THE PASSION STORY

The Betrayal

Matthew 26:17-25

Reader: Elder Dr Tang Yew Chung

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸ **He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"**

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

²² **They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"**

²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me."

²⁴ **The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."**

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

Extinguishing of the 1st candle

Silent Reflection

The Denial

Matthew 26:31-35

Reader: Deacon Alicia Yeo

³¹ Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³ **Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."**

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵ **But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.**

Extinguishing of the 2nd candle

Silent Reflection

The Agony

Matthew 26:36-45

Reader: Joshua Lim

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ **He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.**

³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ **Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."**

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² **He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."**

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

Extinguishing of the 3rd candle

Silent Reflection

The Arrest

Matthew 26:47-56

Reader: Kay Swee Tuan

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.”

⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend. Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me.

⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Extinguishing of the 4th candle

Silent Reflection

The Trial

Matthew 27:11-26

Reader: Elder Alimin Lie

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?”

¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. ²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Extinguishing of the 5th candle

Silent Reflection

The Mocking

Matthew 27:27-31

Reader: Charisse Chan

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.

²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head.

They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him.

Then they led him away to crucify him.

Extinguishing of the 6th candle

Silent Reflection

The Crucifixion

Mark 15:21-32

Reader: Deacon Liow Koh Chuan

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").

²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

24 And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. [28]

²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!"

³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Extinguishing of the 7th candle

Silent Reflection

The Repentant Thief

Luke 23:39-43

Reader: Deacon Alicia Yeo

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[d]"

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Extinguishing of the 8th candle

Silent Reflection

Here Is Your Son

John 19:25-27

Reader: Elder Dr Tang Yew Chung

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Extinguishing of the 9th candle

Silent Reflection

The Cross

Mark 15:33-39

Reader: Charisse Chan

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").^[b]

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Extinguishing of the 10th candle

Silent Reflection

The Burial

Luke 23:50-56

Reader: Joshua Lim

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God.

⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.

⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Extinguishing of the 11th candle

Silent Reflection

The Tomb Is Sealed

Matthew 27:62-66

Reader: Elder Alimin Lie

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³ "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵ "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

This is the Word of God
Thanks be to God

Pastoral Reflection

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

There Is a Redeemer

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Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O, for sinners slain
Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

***Benediction**

Please Exit in Silence

*Congregation to stand

Please join us for Easter Sunday Services at 9 am and 6 pm

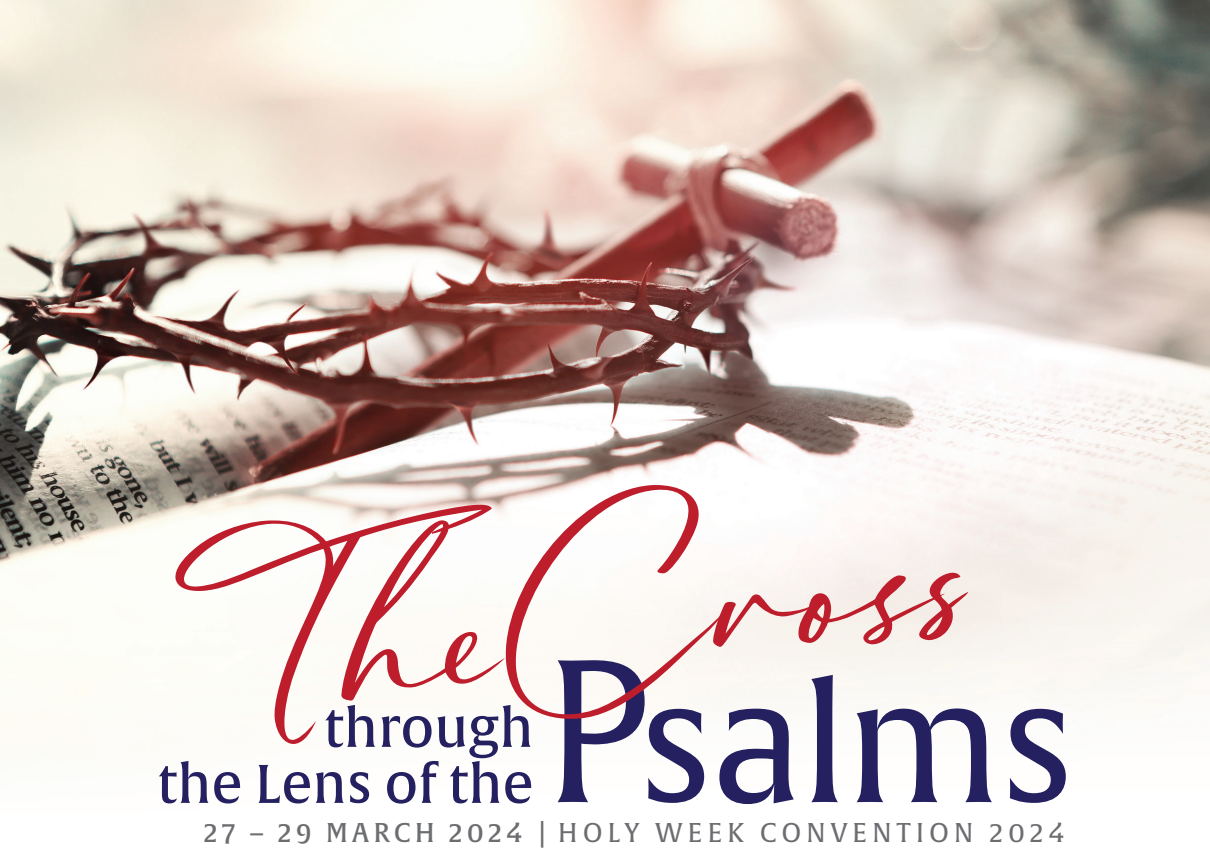
PREACHING THEMES ▪ SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	29 Mar Good Friday	31 Mar Easter Sunday	7 Apr Inter-Generational Sunday
Sermon Title			Respecting Others' Properties
Scripture Reference		John 11:1-44	Exodus 22:1-15
Preacher	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Children's Message	-	-	Pr Tan Hui Ru
Worship Leader	Eld Gabriel Tan	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong	Dcn Samuel Tandijanto
Pastoral Prayer	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Eld Lim Ee Tuo	Eld Lim Ee Tuo
Scripture Reader	-	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Edward Goh
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Liza Magkawas	Mindy Tang
Musicians	Eunice Tang	Mon Malamion	Shu Hoong Yong
	-	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
	-	Eunice Tang (AM & PM)	Chua Wei Yuan
	-	Dr Noah Lim (AM & PM)	Hannah Leong
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team A Veronica Song	Team B Jimmy Tan	Natalie Chu Team C Kenneth Koh
	-	Team F	Team H
	-	Ang Eng Joo	Dcn Alicia Yeo
Greeters	Rev Dr Edward Goh Eld Paul Johnson	Rev Dr Edward Goh Dcn Andrew Tan	Pr Ho Wei Liang Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong
	-	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Ps Lim Chung Wei
	-	Dcn Alicia Yeo	Dcn Andrew Tan
AV Duty Roster	Selvarajan Rengasamy Jabez Selvarajan	Selvarajan Rengasamy Jethro Cheung	Jabez Selvarajan Selvarajan Rengasamy
	-	Dcn Mazmur The	Jabez Ong
	-	Elson Chan	Geoff Holmes
	-	Jane Tham	Huang Junxiong
	-	Eld Paul Johnson	Dcn Mazmur The

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YOUTH MINISTRY ▪ SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*



The Cross through the Lens of the Psalms

27 – 29 MARCH 2024 | HOLY WEEK CONVENTION 2024

Jesus knew the Psalms; he meditated on them and found solace and strength through his darkest hours.

This Holy Week, we'd like to invite you to reflect on Jesus' Passion by meditating on selected Psalms of Lament. They will teach us how to respond during times of pain and pressure, challenge us to cling on to God even when God seems silent, and show us what suffering well entails as we cling on to the hope of God's ultimate deliverance and Christ's victory on the cross.

As we listen to Jesus sing these Psalms of Lament in his final days, may our hearts be inspired and encouraged.



Psalm 31
Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit
Rev Graham Ng
Senior Minister of Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church
27 Mar 2024, 8pm
Orchard Road Presbyterian Church



Psalm 88
Darkness Has Become My Only Companion
Rev Srimal Marthenis
EP Vice Moderator,
Senior Minister of Ang Mo Kio Presbyterian Church
28 Mar 2024, 8pm
Orchard Road Presbyterian Church



Psalm 22
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Rev Lam Kuo Yung
EP Moderator,
Senior Minister of Katong Presbyterian Church
29 Mar 2024, 10:30am
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition
Centre, Hall 401-402 (Level 4)

We won't have a separate children's programme on Friday but there will be a sermonette for them.

Find out more at <http://epholyweekconvention.org>



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HISTORY

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC) was founded in 1856 to minister to the needs of the Scots community in Singapore. The first church building on the present site was completed in 1878, and has been extended several times. In 1975, the sanctuary was extended, and in 1985, the new extension of Dunman Hall was completed and a new chapel was built. Alongside the growth of the physical facilities has been the development of the church from an English-speaking expatriate congregation to a local church embracing four different language congregations. In 1995 we planted a branch church (Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church) which became independent in 2013. Similarly, our Mandarin congregation (Providence Presbyterian Church) became independent in 2005. ORPC consists of the English Congregation and the Indonesian Congregation, and worshipping with us now in the same building are Providence Presbyterian Church, and the German-speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore.

FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with roots in historic Presbyterianism growing out of the Westminster Confession of Faith, we affirm the Lordship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We look to the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and the one authoritative and infallible standard for our faith and practice. We welcome those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour into our formal membership. Our membership is truly international, representing the breadth of God's call upon people from all ethnic and economic backgrounds. Members are received upon initial profession of faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, confirmation, and in transfer from other Christian churches. Classes for baptism, confirmation, and for transfer of membership are held periodically and announced in the bulletin.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.