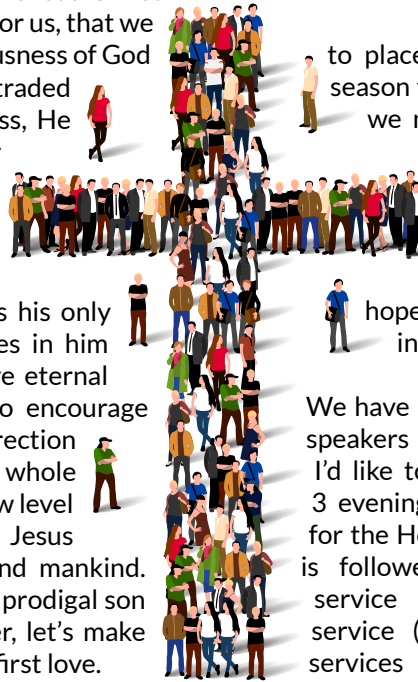


Our theme for Lent this year is The Father Heart of God, and the lessons are drawn from the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. As we prepare for Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded that our Heavenly Father made Jesus Christ who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). As Christ traded places with us on the cross, He died in our place, and for our sin, so as to set us free from the bondage of sin. We have done nothing to deserve such mercy, yet God by His grace, gave us his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). I want to encourage us to approach Resurrection Sunday this year with a whole different attitude and a new level of appreciation for what Jesus Christ has done for us and mankind. More importantly, like the prodigal son who returned to his father, let's make the effort to return to our first love.

The past two years have been extremely hard as the world copes with the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, the war in Ukraine further inflicted greater devastation to an already weak economy as the world recovers from the effects of COVID-19. Meanwhile, the world is plagued with natural disasters at a greater intensity of destruction. As we reflect on what is taking place, we need to realise the urgency of time. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (Matthew 24:42-44). We need

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to place greater emphasis in this season to be spiritually awake, and we need to step-up our effort to contagiously share the Good News of Jesus Christ. In this extreme darkened world, people are seeking for hope, and we are to point them in the direction of hope.

We have invited gifted and anointed speakers to speak at our services. I'd like to ask you to set aside the 3 evenings (11-13 April) to join us for the Holy Week meditations. This is followed by Maundy Thursday service (14 April), Good Friday service (15 April), Holy Saturday services (16 April), and Easter Sunday services (17 April), beginning with our Easter Dawn Service. I encourage you to bring a pre-believing friend to one of our services.

Lastly, as we increase the capacity of our worship services and resume some normalcy to our church life, let's continue to play our part by complying with the newly revised safe management measures. We also seek your cooperation, understanding and patience as we make this important transition together as a family. We are needing more members to step forward to serve, either as sidesmen, ushers, AV crew, lesson readers and others. Please approach those on duty at the end of the service and indicate your interest.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter in advance!