



Covenant
Community
Methodist
Church



Easter

25 March 2025
Lent

Dear CCMC Members and Friends,

One of my favourite hymns for the passion week is “What Wondrous Love Is This?”, with its melancholy and moving melody. The music was composed by Paul J. Christiansen in 1955 but the lyrics are from an old American Folk Hymn. The main lyrics are as follows and repeated within the verse.

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside His crown for my soul
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
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The song begins in sorrow but ends in joy. This is almost a synopsis of our beliefs and our faith journey. We were ‘dreadfully cursed’ by sin and death. Our souls were bound for destruction, if not for the ‘Lord of bliss’ who came ‘to bear the dreadful curse’.

Indeed, we marvel at the wondrous love of our Lord. If we are not awed by the height, depth and breadth of God’s love, it would be because we are unaware of the deadly peril we were in before such wondrous love plucked us to safety.

We often study the Apostle Paul’s missionary journeys. Yet the ultimate missionary journey was the one undertaken by our Lord Jesus Himself, who left heaven, and who ‘laid aside His crown for my soul’.

Let us remember who Jesus really is. He is the great GOD, the great I AM. Let us join millions in song. We are freed from death now and forevermore, so let us sing with joy to our Lord for all eternity.

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

In His Love,

Rev David Gwee
Pastor-in-Charge

Ps Rufus Chan
Assistant Pastor



Holy Week
Services Schedule



CCMC HOLY WEEK SERVICES

13 APR

PALM SUNDAY

9am @ Auditorium, L1 & L3

11am @ Chapel, L3 & L4

17 APR

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
(HOLY COMMUNION)**

8pm @ Chapel, L3 & L4

18 APR

GOOD FRIDAY

9am @ Auditorium, L1 & L3

11am @ Chapel, L3 & L4

20 APR

EASTER SUNRISE

6.30am @ MGS Amphitheatre, L1

Followed by breakfast

EASTER SUNDAY

9am @ Auditorium, L1 & L3

11am @ Chapel, L3 & L4

