



COVENANT COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
SEASON OF LENT & EASTER SUNDAY
14th February to 1st April 2018

PREACHING THEME

**The Ol' Rugged Cross and
the Life of the World to Come**



SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 8:34,38


³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



The **Season of Lent** in the Christian calendar lasts for forty days. This year, it commences on 14th February (**Ash Wednesday**) and ends just before **Easter** on 31st March (**Holy Saturday**).

Christians spend this time in self-examination, prayer, fasting, and thoughtful reflection before the Lord. The focus of worship in this season is our Lord's great sacrifice of love upon the cross for everyone. The liturgical colour of the season is **purple**, reminding us that Jesus is still King, even when suffering and dying on the cross.

14th Feb (Wed)	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)	
18th Feb	1st Sunday in Lent / Lunar New Year Sunday	
<i>Don't Gamble your Life away</i> <i>Jeremiah 2:1-8, 20, 23-33</i>	Liew Heng San	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
25th Feb	2nd Sunday in Lent / Sacrament of Baptism	
<i>Is there Life after Death and What will it be like?</i> <i>Matthew 22:29-33</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
4th Mar	3rd Sunday in Lent (Holy Communion Sunday)	
<i>Ready to Feast when Kingdom Comes</i> <i>Matthew 8:11</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
11th Mar	4th Sunday in Lent	
<i>The Rapturous Return of Christ</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>	Rev Dr Gordon Wong	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
18th Mar	5th Sunday in Lent	
<i>The Hour Has Come</i> <i>John 12:20-33</i>	Rev Fred Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
<i>Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which celebrates the last 7 days of the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Season of Lent ends on a climax with the Triduum (3 days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday which focus respectively on the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and Entombment of the Lord Jesus Christ preceding His Resurrection from the dead. Hallelujah!</i>		
25th Mar	Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins / Infant Baptism	
<i>Enter the Donkey</i>	Rev Ian Lee	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
 CCMC Holy Week Renewal Services "The Sign of Jonah and Christ Crucified" <i>Jonah 1-4, Matthew 12:38-41</i>		
26th Mar (Mon)	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<i>Jonah the Runaway Prophet of God (Chapter 1)</i>		
27th Mar (Tues)	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<i>The Dark Night of the Soul for Jonah (Chapter 2)</i>		
28th Mar (Wed)	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<i>When Jonah was Angry with a Merciful God (Chapter 3 & 4)</i>		
29th Mar	Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion Service)	
<i>In Remembrance of Me</i> <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	Rev Fred Tan	8pm (Chapel)
30th Mar	Good Friday	
<i>Calvary and the Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer</i> <i>Ruth 2:20, Hebrews 2:17-18</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
31st Mar	Holy Saturday (No Services)	
1st Apr	Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord / Holy Communion Sunday)	
<i>He Lives!</i>	Rev Ian Lee	6.30am, Sunrise Svc (Amphitheatre)
<i>What does the Resurrection of Jesus prove?</i> <i>Acts 3:13-15</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)