

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



**Sermon Date: 29/03/2020**

**Text(s): Numbers 28:1–8**

**Title: Worship, Grace and COVID-19**

**Preacher: Rev Jason Phua**

(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

### **READ (5 mins)**

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

#### **Numbers 28:1–8 (ESV)**

**1** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**2** “Command the people of Israel and say to them, ‘My offering, my food for my food offerings, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time.’

**3** And you shall say to them, This is the food offering that you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs a year old without blemish, day by day, as a regular offering.

**4** The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;  
**5** also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a quarter of a hin of beaten oil.

**6** It is a regular burnt offering, which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD.

**7** Its drink offering shall be a quarter of a hin for each lamb. In the Holy Place you shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD.

**8** The other lamb you shall offer at twilight. Like the grain offering of the morning, and like its drink offering, you shall offer it as a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. From Numbers 28-29, the preacher explained that the priests would need to sacrifice on behalf of the nation, a total of 113 bulls, 32 rams, 1086 lambs, 14 goats, a ton of flour and a thousand bottles of oil and wine every year. What crossed your mind when you heard these big numbers? That this God is a demanding God? That this God is worthy of big sacrifices? We are in a safe place among fellow believers, so feel free to share your thoughts.**
- 2. The instructions God gave regarding the sacrifices were given after Joshua was anointed as Moses’ successor and just before the Israelites entered the Promised Land. This degree of sacrifice was not possible in the wilderness. The preacher shared that in this re-introduction of the sacrificial system, perhaps God was assuring Joshua and the people that God would surely bring in to the Promised Land and prosper them, and fulfil His promises to this new generation. Do you have a**

sense of promise in your heart that God would see us through this season and lead us through victoriously into the destiny God has for us as individuals and as a church?



3. The two main points in the sermons are worship is commanded by God and worship is grace from God. Let's focus on the first point. Worship is commanded by God and is to be central to the daily life of God's people. As New Testament believers who do not need to offer sacrifices of sheep and goat, how can we make worship central in our daily life? What is really the most important factor in worship, anyway?

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. In sharing that worship is grace from God, that the sacrifices were a strong representation of God's grace to His people, the preacher mentioned that God is perfect and holy and nothing short of death could pay the price for sin because sin is a serious matter. Sin pains and breaks our relationship with God and brings death. But God gave grace to the Israelites through the sacrificial system. However, all their sacrifices were only meant to point to Jesus Christ the sacrificial Lamb of God. What should be our response to Christ for His sacrifice and for giving us this grace to worship? How should we live out this response in practical ways?
2. The preacher contrasted the "You do you" culture and the "You serve others" culture. Can you recall what is this "You do you" culture and what is this "You serve others culture"? Finally, who are we to the community and how can we as Christians in Singapore serve the people we around us?

### **REST (15 mins)**

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray that God would give us grace and strength to continue remain faithful and to be resilient. Pray for one another to be a pleasing aroma for God in our acts of worship.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.