

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 13/09/2020**

**Text(s): Mark 15:37–39**

**Sermon Title: The Torn Curtain**

**Preacher: Rev Jason Phua**

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

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

Selected verses from Mark 13 are printed here for you, but do take the time to read the entire chapter from your own bibles.

### **Mark 15:37–39 (ESV)**

**37** And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

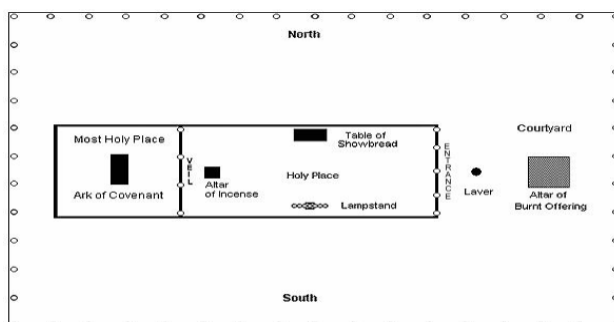
**38** And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

**39** And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. The Tabernacle that Moses set up was beautiful but it wasn't a permanent structure. The Temple that Solomon built was magnificent, but it was destroyed by the Babylonian army in 586 BC. The second Temple that Zerubbabel built in 515 BC was a shade of the first Temple, physically speaking. If you were a Jew living in Jerusalem in 515 BC, would you feel sad that the new Temple wasn't as magnificent as the first Temple? Why or why not?**
- 2. The preacher shared a diagram of the Tabernacle with us showing the area of the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place, as well as the positions of the furnishings. Do you remember the significance of all this in relation to our worship today and how we approach God?**



3. **The preacher shared 7 questions for reflection that are originally shared by Dr. Paul David Tripp. Which of these questions stood out for you, causing you to reflect deeper?**
- i. Have we been working hard to pretend that we are something less than sinners when the message of the Gospel is that Jesus loves and accepts sinners?
  - ii. Have we been hiding in guilt when Jesus had fully borne our guilt?
  - iii. Have we been allowing ourselves to be motivated by shame when Jesus willingly carried our shame?
  - iv. Have we been so concerned with what others think of us and the sin in our lives when the One who holds our destiny in His hands has accepted us as if we had never sinned?
  - v. Have we denied who we are and what we need when full provision has been made?
  - vi. Are we acting as if no one understands when we have been given a faithful and understanding High Priest who is sympathetic with all our weaknesses?
  - vii. Are we acting as if there is no hope for people like us when our Savior has conquered sin and death for us?

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

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

1. **Looking at the curtain in the Temple that was torn from top to bottom, the preacher said, "The torn curtain means that life is no longer the same as it should be. We can be upfront with God and the people around us, because Jesus' blood had revealed our sinfulness as well as our redemption in Him. The torn curtain is a powerful miracle that expresses God's final word that it is finished. What Jesus had done on the Cross, it is finished. You and I can do no more to add to it or subtract from it. It is either we embrace it fully or not at all." What does it mean to you to embrace the finished work of Christ fully? Is it possible to embrace it partially, and if it is possible, would that be a good thing?**
2. **Jesus is the New Temple and we are the holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:4–5). As we live in Christ, we too are temples of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we have also become priests in this New Temple, a holy priesthood before God. How do we live out this holy calling as living sacrifices and as children of God?**

### **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 for one another to have a deeper encounter with the holy presence of God and with the heart of Christ when we come before the Lord in worship.
- Pray for our church to be a community that reflects the priorities of the Kingdom of God, one that knows the Word and the Heart of God.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.