

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

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"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available."



Our Vision

Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church

The 4 Essentials

***Lifelong Discipleship, Wholesome Families,
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

*The Christ candle should be at a prominent place, unlit, at the start of the service.
Everyone should have a candle ready to be lit at the end of the service.*

GATHERING

INTRODUCTION

We have come together in God's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world He came to save:

for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world;

for the world, which already belongs to Christ, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ Himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your Name

Your Kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

Ephesians 2:1-3

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

RESPONSE

Leader:

The effects of sin are far reaching; none are spared.

People:

We yearn for God's light, but darkness surrounds us. Disease and suffering abound.

Leader:

Who can rescue us from our plight; who can save us from our despair?

People:

No one but the Lord Almighty. Our hope is in Him alone.

CAROL

O Holy Night (verse 1, chorus)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O holy night, O night divine

SECOND READING

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Emmanuel.

RESPONSE

Leader:

As the night gives way to dawn, so despair gives way to hope.

People:

The promise is fulfilled through a virgin's womb.

Leader:

His name is called Emmanuel – God is with us!

People:

God is with us! Praise the Lord!

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1, 6)

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
And bring us comfort from afar
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light

Refrain

A CONVERSATION WITH GOD / ONE ANOTHER (5 mins)

Turn to one another and share (or if alone, write a letter to the Lord)

How can God provide hope in your darkness and brokenness?

THIRD READING

John 1:9

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

Luke 2:4-16

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

ANTHEM All the World Awaits (Chris Tomlin)

MESSAGE Child of Light and Hope

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo He shuns not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten, not created

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As we light the candle of Christ, may we carry the light of our redemption into the world that all people may catch the Spirit.

Amen.

The head of the home or a representative lights the Christ candle, then lights their own candle from it, and passes their light on to the next person, who passes their light on to the next, and so on.

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ, the Savior, is born
Christ, the Savior, is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Lift up your eyes and look around;
Wherever the Spirit takes you,
Look for the light and follow Jesus.
The grace of the Lord,
Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Tonight's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Praise Leaders	Mr Amos Lau Ms Alethea Yap
Readers	Mrs Mary Wolf Mrs Wan Soo Har Mrs Janet Ng
Musicians	Ms Amelia Loo Ms Adelya Yeoh Ms Joyce Goh
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Visual	Ms Wong Fong Yi (yolo) Mr Calvin Fong

December 25, 2020 Christmas Day Service (10AM)

Preacher	Rev Ronald Yap
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon
Praise Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr Amos Lau Ms Shereena Yoon
Reader	Mrs Rosalind Khoo
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Adelya Yeoh Mr Tairven Lee
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong, Ms Roshni George Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Ms Wong Fong Yi (yolo) Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Connie Lim Mr Oon Chee Soon Ms Helen Aw

December 27, 2020 (10AM)

Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen
Sound	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mrs Gerviene Sya (yolo) Ms Wong Fong Yi (Obsv - yolo) Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Helen Aw Mrs Ch'ng Jay Lee