

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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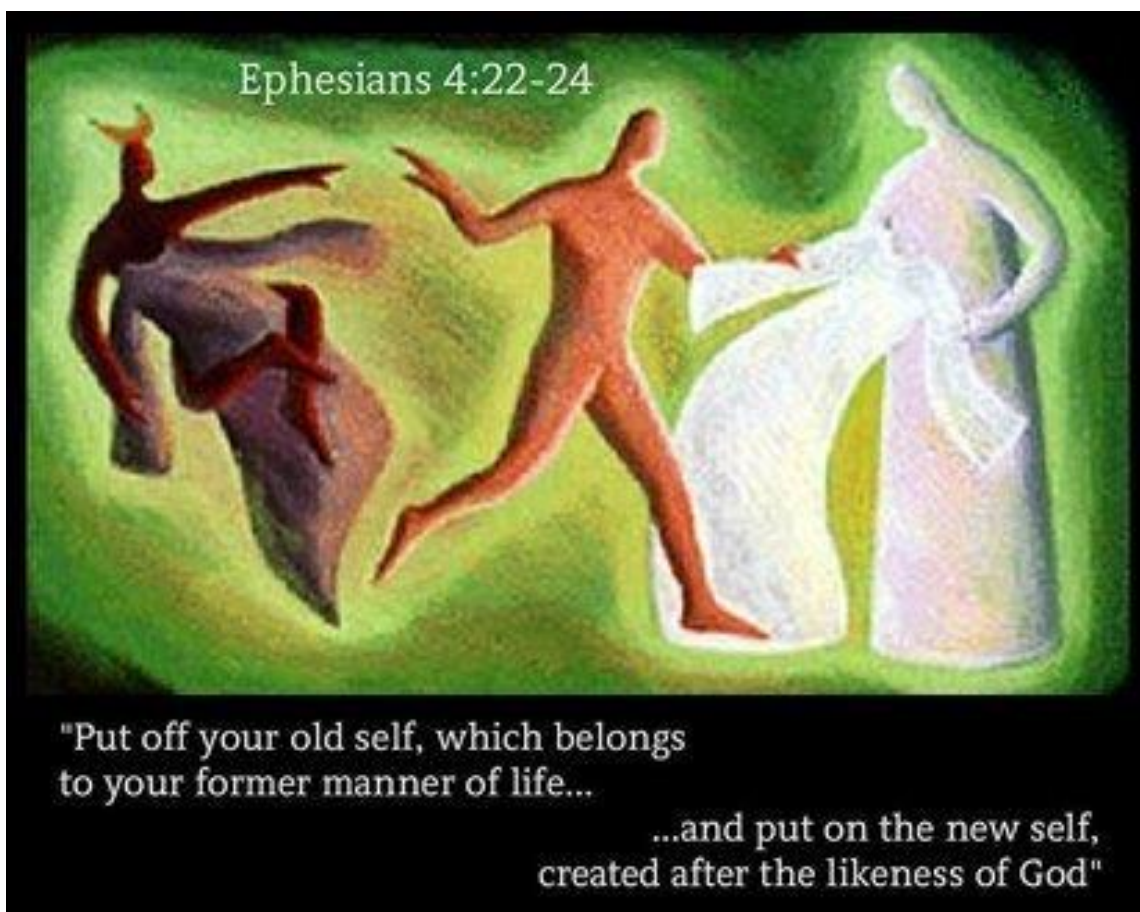
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**"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.**

**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."**



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## 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***

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, NIV*

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**

Today Is The Day

I'm casting my cares aside, I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus  
I'm reaching my hand to Yours, believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good

*Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day*

I'm putting my fears aside, I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good

I will stand upon Your truth  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(All my days I'll live for You)  
I will stand upon Your truth  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(All my days I'll live)

## Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defence, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Yes, where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

## Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart  
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord

That is who You are *(repeat)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for the US and other governments going through transitions in leadership. Pray for peaceful transitions that prioritize safety and order.
2. Pray for Malaysia under Emergency and MCO 2.0. Pray for Malaysia's wellbeing in its physical and political health in the weeks and months to come.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to continue the good work of disciple-making and love in action under all conditions.
4. Pray for ourselves, that our practical living might be consistent in Christian witness to the standards and teachings of Jesus.

## **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 today 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 and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 4:14-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Methodist Social Principles: Church and General Welfare

Mr Tan Chong Jin

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Methodist Social Principles: Church and General Welfare

Scripture Passage: Luke 4:14-21

**BIG IDEA: God has set us apart to impact our world.**

**Key Verses: Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*

### **Introduction**

- We are called to be a redeeming community and to live with spiritual excellence (MBOD 2016, Para 86)
- The church has a role to address the effects of social ills and provide positive witness to the proper use of technology and resources

Three key areas of our faith witness:

### **1. Abstain from destructive lifestyles**

- Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Gambling, Tobacco use
- Never exchange what is Superior (Christ) for what is inferior (substance dependency/abuse)

### **2. Advocate wise stewardship**

- Science and Technology, Medical Experimentation, Genetic Technology, Information Communication Technology, Natural resources
- Principle of stewardship (e.g. Psalm 8:3-8, Colossians 3:17)

### **3. Anointed for God’s redeeming work**

- The church is to be life-affirming & life-giving, not legalistic
- Only the Spirit’s anointing can allow us to abstain with freedom, advocate with humility and minister with love
- We are to minister with hope and redemptive power to areas such as Crime & Rehabilitation, Mental health & Medical care, Suicide, rehabilitation and recovery from lifestyle/substance abuse

### **Conclusion**

**Know:** The church has a role to impact the society at large.

**Be:** A believer who lives out God’s anointing to bring good news to the painful and difficult challenges around us.

**Do:** Identify areas of our lives & lifestyle that need to be radically transformed by the Lord’s grace; seek the Lord’s leading in areas where you can influence and bless others.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. What are some areas in your life where you may have developed dependencies or addictive habits (e.g. alcohol, social media activities, gambling)?
2. Bring your struggles before God, ideally with the prayer support of trusted believers. What practical steps do you think the Lord is leading you to take?
3. What are areas of influence the Lord has placed you in at home, school, or workplace? Reflect how you can advocate good stewardship and proper use of technology and resources as well as highlight areas where the church has a role to play in rehabilitation and counselling.

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

### This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross  
You would lay down your life that I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (*repeat*)  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mrs Gerviene Sya
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo

## **Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Nancy Empawi
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Yee Eh Horng
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Amelia Loo

## ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

### **SUNDAY**

9.15am	Church School
10.00am	Worship Service in English
2.00pm	Methodist Youth Fellowship
2.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Juniors)
3.00pm	Post Alpha Small Group
3.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Seniors)
5.00pm	Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng

### **TUESDAY**

8.30pm	Tanjung Bungah Small Group – Chan Chen Weng
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### **WEDNESDAY**

10.00am	Wednesday Small Group – Tan Saw Lee (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)  Church Office Staff Meeting
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### **THURSDAY**

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

### **FRIDAY**

	Small Groups:
8.30pm	Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling Permai Village I – Daniel Khoo Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )

### **SATURDAY**

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
11.00am	BB Platoon (King's Academy)  Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
	Small Groups:
5.45pm	Young Families – Tairven Lee
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8:30pm	Sungai Ara I – Ling Lek Chian (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for the United States of America as the nation prepares for the inauguration of its new President on January 20, 2021. Pray for a smooth and orderly transition of power when the new President is sworn in, and that the American public will receive him peacefully. Pray against any form of violent protests and demonstrations. Pray that God will grant the new President wisdom and discernment as he leads the nation.

### Nation

- Flooding has worsened in Peninsular Malaysia, with thousands of people being displaced across 6 states. Pray that the victims in flood relief centres will continue to do their best to comply with the SOPs, and for God's protection over them.

### Church

- Pray that God will grant us wisdom and strength as we begin afresh this new year in view of the "new normal". As the nation waits for the vaccine to be made available, pray that God will grant His Church the necessary spirit, attitude and gifting that will edify His people, preach the Gospel to the fearful and anxious, and reach out to the poor and needy in the community.

### Self

- Pray that the Lord will help us see our failures and mistakes as He sees them: opportunities to draw closer to Him. Pray that He will help us find our worth and identity only in Him and not in our accomplishments. Pray that we will draw closer to God this year, always sure of the fresh start we have been given because of His sacrifice.



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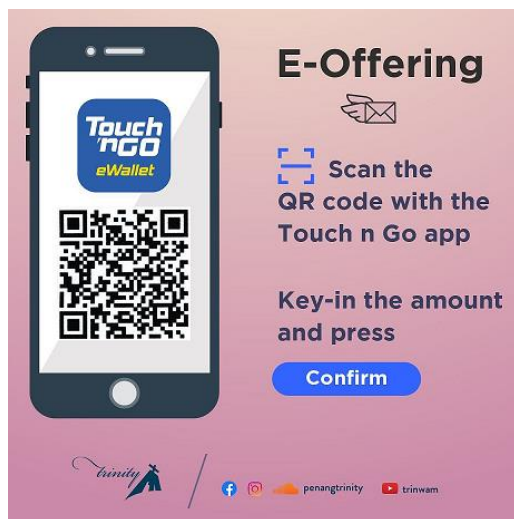
Pastor in charge – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

Administrator, Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry on hold for duration of MCO.
- **Online/ATM Transfer: Maybank Account No. MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang).** Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference for online transfers.

**TODAY – January 17**

Communion Offering for January 2021 will go to the poor and needy students of MBS and MGS.



All ongoing and planned in-person activities including the collection of Penang Trinity's personalized masks will be suspended for the time being. We encourage all regular worshippers to please update your details via <http://m.penangtrinity.org>.

**Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers**

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to [kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).

**Coming up in January!**

31 – LCEC Installation

*Note: Rev Ronald Yap's farewell has been deferred, date to be confirmed.*

**2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:**

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

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