

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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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

“Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Psalm 82:3-4, NIV

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

You Are My Strength

You are my strength
Strength like no other
Strength like no other
Reaches to me

*In the fullness of Your grace
In the power of Your Name
You lift me up
You lift me up*

Your love, O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Reaches to the sky

You are my hope
Hope like no other
Hope like no other
Reaches to me

Unfailing love
Stronger than mountains
Deeper than oceans
Reaches to me

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, will I glory
Though I could pride myself in battles won
For I've been blessed beyond measure
And by His strength alone, I overcome
Oh, I could stop and count successes
Like diamonds in my hand
But those trophies could not equal
To the grace by which I stand

*In Christ alone, I place my trust
And find my glory in the power of the cross
In every victory, let it be said of me
My source of strength, my source of hope, is Christ alone*

In Christ alone, will I glory
For only by His grace I am redeemed
Only His tender mercy
Could reach beyond my weakness to my need
Now I seek no greater honour
Than just to know Him more
And to count my gains but losses
To the glory of my Lord

You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I, ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou, my great Father and I, Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the oppressed and voiceless all around the world - for the different people groups and other demographics who suffer systemic and culturally accepted abuse in their respective countries. Pray especially for minorities that are deprived of the respect given to all humans made in God's image.
2. Pray for Malaysia, against racial and religious discrimination, especially when enabled or instigated by various bodies of authority. Pray for each individual in this nation to be able to have the freedom to embrace or reject the Gospel of Jesus for themselves.
3. Pray for our church congregation, that in our various families, workplaces, and schools, we might be courageous and compassionate in standing up for those being treated unfairly, for whatever reason.
4. Pray for ourselves to live with the constant knowledge that our lives are not our own, and that we belong to Christ. Pray for faithfulness to the name of Jesus in our values and conduct, especially when it comes to being counter-cultural.

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

*Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)
Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference
for online transfers.*

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

Proverbs 31:8-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Methodist Social Principles: Human Rights and Responsibilities

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Methodist Social Principles: Human Rights and Responsibilities

Scripture Passage: Proverbs 31:8-9

BIG IDEA: We are called to love all humans as indiscriminately as God does.

Introduction

- Made in His image
- Loved by God
- Called to love others

1. Human Rights

- Free will vs absolute freedom
- Freedom from discrimination
- Civil liberties
- Rights of various people groups
 - Children
 - Young people
 - Elderly
 - Women
 - Ethnic minorities
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Persons living with HIV and AIDS
 - Migrant workers and domestic maids

2. The Malaysian Context

- Multi-religious understanding
- Multi-racial harmony

Conclusion

Know: All humans are loved by God and deserving of our love.

Be: Courageous in loving those who are different.

Do: Stand against unjust discrimination.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

SONG OF DEDICATION

Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal, the poor, and them that mourn
The faint and overborne
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer, the wayward and the lost
By restless passions tossed
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With one accord, with us the work to share
With us reproach to dare
With us the cross to bear for Christ our Lord

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With joyful song, the new-born souls, whose days
Reclaimed from error's ways
Inspired with hope and praise to Christ belong

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Nancy Empawi Ms Adelya Yeoh
Reader	Mr Yee Eh Horng
Musician	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Joyce Goh

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Ms Cindy Lim
Musician	Ms Chang Jia Ren

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 st & 3 rd 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 nd & 4 th)

SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Dr Khoo Cheek 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

- The pandemic death toll has exceeded 2 million people worldwide as Covid-19 infections continue to soar in many nations and health-care systems all over the world are collapsing. Pray that God will grant wisdom and guidance to the leaders of the world's nations to deal with the situation. Pray also that people everywhere will turn to Christ and find hope in Him as they struggle with the effects of the pandemic.

Nation

- The new MCO will bring more job losses and the closure of businesses, leading to anger, anxiety and depression, which will likely result in a rise in suicides, and increased domestic violence. Pray that the public will cooperate with the authorities during this lockdown, and by God's grace, the number of daily infections will be reduced. Pray also that the rakyat will not make the situation worse by defiantly flouting the SOPs.

Church

- Pray that God will help us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling He has given to us, that in all our interactions with one another, to have humble and gentle hearts. Pray that He will grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love. Pray also that we will walk humbly with Him, allowing Him to show us our wrongs.

Self

- Praise God that He has always provided for our every need. Pray that we will learn to trust Him more in every situation, to trust in His ability and not our own. Pray that He will teach us to see the difficulties in our lives from His perspective, that He is using difficulties and delays to perfect and develop our trust in Him.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at **Trinity**. For any assistance please contact:

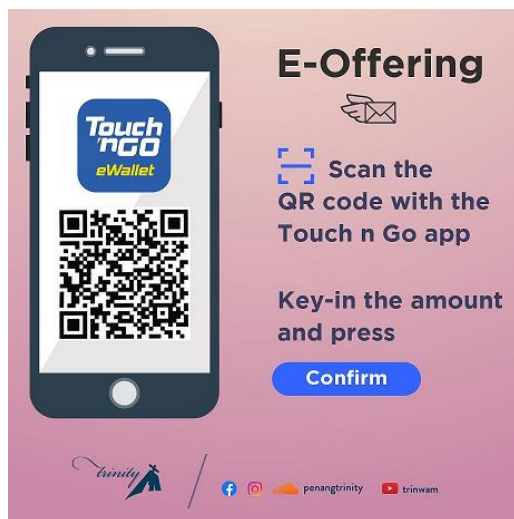
Pastor in charge – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

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 24

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.

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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