

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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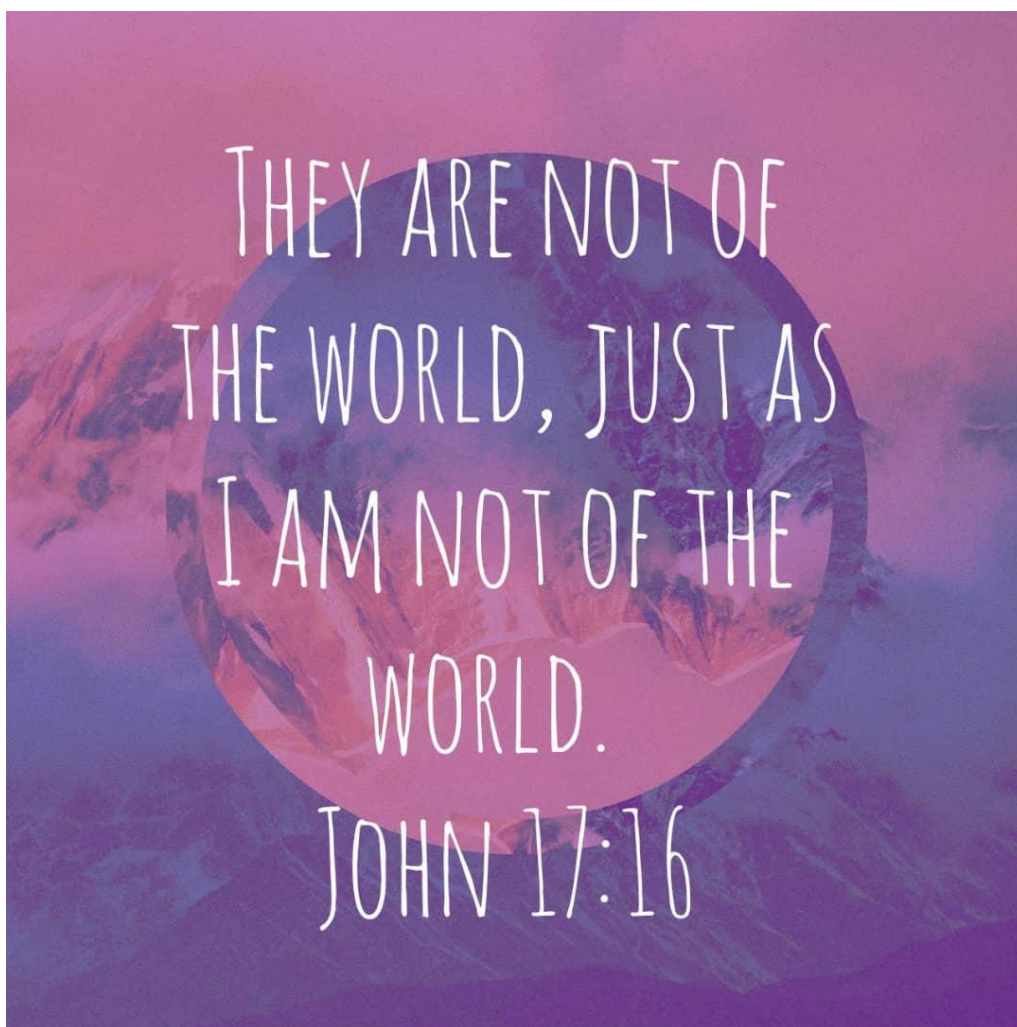
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***"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.***

***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."***



**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**

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.”

*1 Peter 2:13-15, NIV*

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

Send Me Out

Jesus, Lord of my salvation, Saviour of my soul  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Jesus, King of every nation, this world's only hope  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Send me out to the world

*I wanna be Your hands and feet  
I wanna be Your voice every time I speak  
I wanna run to the ones in need  
In the name of Jesus  
I wanna give my life away  
All for Your kingdom's sake  
Shine a light in the darkest place  
In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)*

Carry to the broken-hearted, mercy You have shown  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
To the ones in need of rescue, lead me I will go  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Send me out to the world

Here am I, I will go  
Send me out to make You known  
There is hope for every soul  
Send me out, send me out  
Here am I, I will go  
Send me out to make You known  
There is hope for every soul  
So send me out

## This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and around me rings  
Music of the spheres

*This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought*

This is my Father's world  
The birds, their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise

*This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere*

This is my Father's world  
O, let me ne'er forget  
And though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet  
And though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet

*This is my Father's world  
Why should my heart be sad  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring  
God reigns, let the earth be glad  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring  
God reigns, let the earth be glad*

The Lord is King, let the heavens ring (*repeat*)  
God reigns (*repeat*)

## Great is the Lord and Most Worthy of Praise

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
The city of our God, the holy place  
The joy of the whole earth  
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory  
He aids us against the enemy  
We bow down on our knees

And Lord we want to lift Your Name on high  
And Lord we want to thank You  
For the works You've done in our lives  
And Lord we trust in Your unfailing love  
For You alone are God eternal  
Throughout earth and heaven above

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray against conflict and violence raging across the world. Pray for peace in all nations.
2. Pray for the political life of Malaysia, that God's sovereign reign would work in and through the nation's leaders.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity, for peace among its congregation and their families.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we might find peace with God as we wrestle with the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.

## **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**

Titus 3:1-2, Romans 13:1-2

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Methodist Social Principles: Peace and World Order,  
and Political Life

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Methodist Social Principles: Peace and World Order, and Political Life

Scripture Passage: Titus 3:1-2, Romans 13:1-2

**BIG IDEA:** God calls us to be peacemakers and good stewards in engaging the political process.

Introduction: They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:16 ESV)

### 1. Peace and World Order

- Our Faith is Universal – in Outlook and Appeal
- Our Support for International Organizations
- Our Stand in Military Service

### 2. Political Life

- Our Role in Upholding Basic Freedom and Human Rights
- Our Engagement in Political Responsibility
- Our Understanding on Religion and State Relations
- Our Fight for Freedom of Information
- Our Support towards Education
- Our Stance in Civil Obedience / Disobedience
- Our Struggle in Criminal & Restorative Justice

### Conclusion

**Know:** God in His Sovereignty chooses us to be peacemakers and carry out His mandate to maintain world order.

**Be:** Supportive of organizations that promote good governance, peace and goodwill toward all men.

**Do:** Engage in society and government as Salt and Light to promote peace, justice and fair treatment to all regardless of differences.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. What changes do we need to make in our faith and practices to be more universal in outlook and appeal?
2. In what area can we do better in upholding basic freedom and human rights for the migrant workers and stateless persons in our society?
3. How can we better engage the political process to address challenges related to human rights and freedom of those marginalized in society?

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high  
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

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

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

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr Aylwin Oon
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Janet Ng
<b>Musician</b>	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 <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**

8.30pm	Small Groups: 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> )
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### **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: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
5.45pm	Sungai Ara I – Ling Lek Chian (fortnightly)
8.00pm	
8:30pm	

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Praise God for a smooth transition of power in the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States of America. Pray that the new President and Vice President will lead the nation back to the godly values upon which the nation was founded. Pray also for unity upon the people so that the anger and bitterness caused by the Presidential election will be resolved.

### Nation

- With restrictions in interstate and inter-district movement having been fully implemented, pray that the rakyat will willingly do their part to quickly bring down the daily numbers of Covid-19 infections. Pray that the public will be patient, vigilant and responsible despite "pandemic fatigue". Pray also that God will continue to strengthen the front-liners with resilience and protection as they are stretched thin from the influx of patients.

### Church

- Pray for the MYF and the Boys' Brigade ministry in our church. Pray that our youths will be able to build good relationships with God and with each other, and that these ministries will be a safe place for them to share their lives and needs. Pray also for the Church School as the children continue to meet online, for good partnership between the teachers, children and their parents.

### Self

- As we experience one of the most challenging times in human history, pray that we will depend more on God and less on our own strength and wisdom. Pray that we will continue to persevere when times are hard, and to wait patiently when change is slow. Pray also that God's love will flow through us to others.



# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

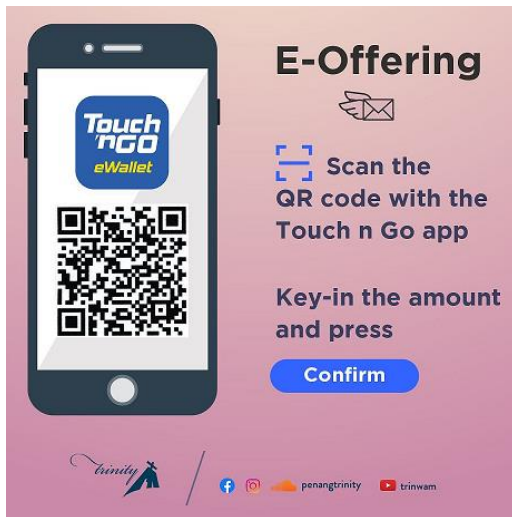
Administrator, Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry on hold for duration of MCO.
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## TODAY – January 31

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

Communion Offering for February 2021 will go to Malaysian Care.



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 February!

07 – 2021 Budget Presentation

*(This will be held online via Zoom. To register, go to <https://penangtrinity.org/inperson>)*

17 – Ash Wednesday

*Note: LCEC Installation and 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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