



1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

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

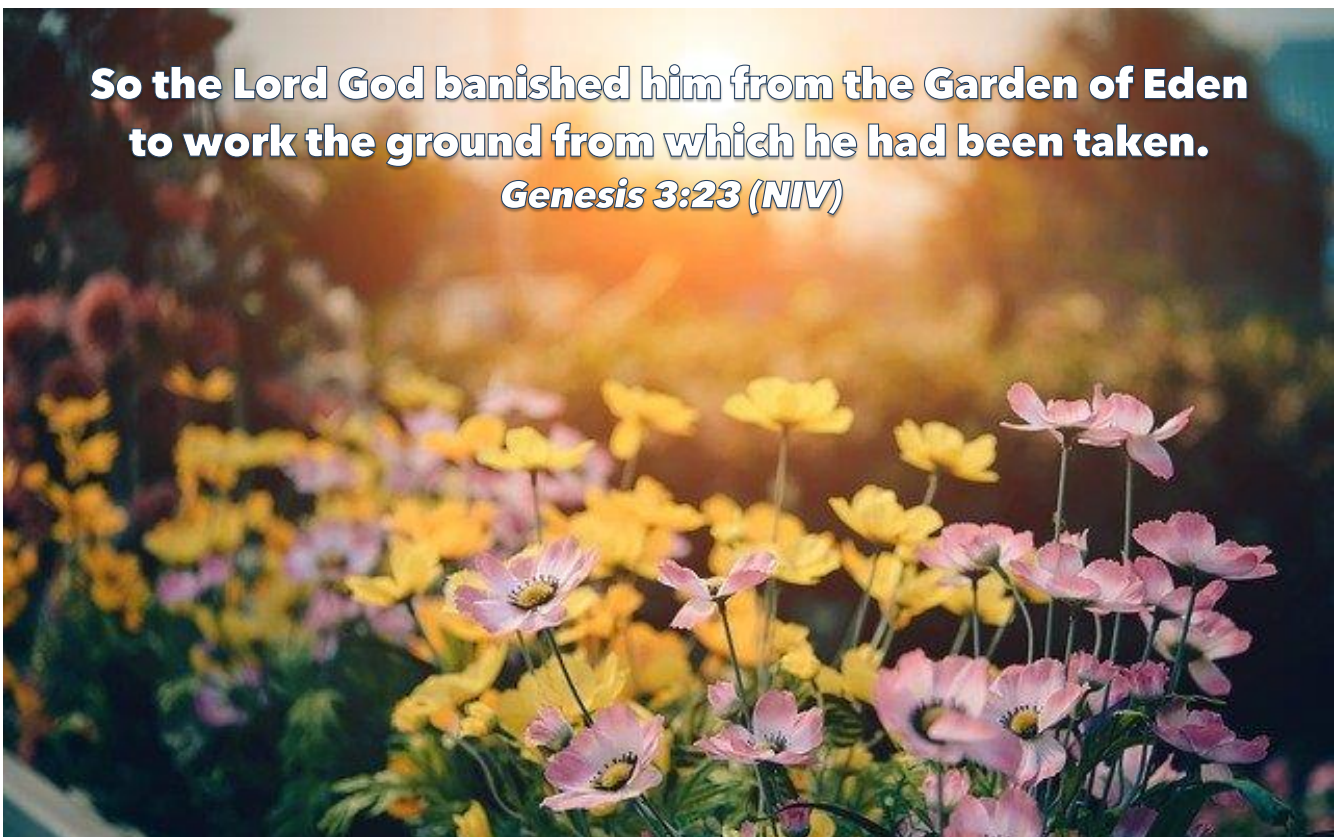
Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

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

**So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden
to work the ground from which he had been taken.**

Genesis 3:23 (NIV)



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

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.”

1 John 3:9, NIV

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

I Stand Amazed (My Saviour's Love)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

*How marvellous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvellous, how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face, I at last, shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour, all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour, all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Jesus Paid It All (Christ I Owe)

I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died, my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray against further COVID-19 mutations across the world that might make combating and managing the virus more challenging.
2. Pray for Malaysia, for the vaccination program being rolled out over the next few weeks and months to be effective in containing the spread of COVID-19.
3. Pray for our congregation over this Lent season, that we would be disciplined in self-reflection that leads to humble repentance.
4. Pray for ourselves, for our constant battle against our sinful nature. Pray for the continual filling of the Spirit in our daily, ordinary lives.

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.

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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

Genesis 3:1-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Fall

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Fall

Scripture Passage: Genesis 3:1-24

BIG IDEA: Sin damages our relationship with God and distorts His creation order.

Key Verses: Genesis 3:23 (NIV)

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Introduction

- God established a good creation order in Genesis 1-2
- God's good design included an intimate access to His presence and dignified work in the Garden
- That created order was about to be disrupted by the entry of sin
- What scripture teaches us about sin in Genesis 3:
 - Appears desirable
 - Self-justifiable apart from God
 - Carries inevitable consequences

Key takeaways from Genesis 3:

1. Confusion & Deception

Pitfalls that lead to sin

- What is desirable is *not* necessarily what is good
- Lack of conviction in God's word easily leads to being deceived into sin

2. Confidence & Trust in God

God's way and timing are always best

- Choice between trusting in God and choosing our own way
- Choosing independence from God leads to slavery to sin and its consequences

3. Consequences & Compassion

God provides compassionately in the midst of sin's consequences

- God's compassionate grace provides a way for us to bear the consequences of sin
- Ultimately God sent His own Son to bear the Cross so that we can be free from the guilt and condemnation of sin

Conclusion

Know: God's ways are always far better than the desirability of sin.

Be: Confident in God's ways and timing as His will unfolds in our lives.

Do: Understand where our behaviour, desires and ambitions might be misaligned with God's word, even though these might be desirable or justifiable in our own minds.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Discuss why the serpent's deception was effective against Eve & Adam, even though they knew God's command.
2. Reflect on some of the times when you thought that what you said or did was justifiable but with hindsight you were convicted by God that it was wrong. How did God convict you that it was wrong?
3. Reflect and share on the times when trusting God's way and timing turned out for the best in hindsight.

Optional:

4. Discuss the consequences of humanity's fall into sin in Genesis 3. How does God ultimately redeem us from the consequences of sin from the perspective of the New Testament?

SONG OF DEDICATION

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
And 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
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
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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mrs Gerviene Sya
Reader	Ms Emily Ngu
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Nancy Empawi
Reader	Ms Eunice Seah
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 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 Myanmar as it endures large scale demonstrations protesting against the military regime that staged the coup. Pray that the police will not use violence against the protestors. Pray also that the UN sanctions will not harm the innocent civilians, but will have an impact on the policies of the military leaders. Pray that it will be effective in bringing about positive changes.

Nation

- Pray that God will remove corrupt, unjust and selfish political leaders in our nation. Pray that He will raise up leaders who will uphold righteousness, unity and justice, and bring prosperity to our nation. Pray that He will bless our leaders with wisdom to table policies that will help the poorer sector of society. Pray also for wisdom for the authorities to handle the Covid-19 infections among the foreign workers.

Church

- Pray that God will grant us strength and help us run with perseverance the race that He has set before us, and to finish that race well with His help. Pray also, that He will grant us grace and focus to keep the faith and the teaching that He has entrusted to us, so that we will pass it on faithfully to the next generation and the generations after them.

Self

- As we observe the Lenten season after a year of uncertainty and upheaval, pray that we will continue to put our faith in Christ and remain focused on Him, consciously disengaging ourselves from the world. Pray too, that He will help us to grow into a closer and more intimate relationship with Him and be spiritually renewed as we spend time in His presence daily.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

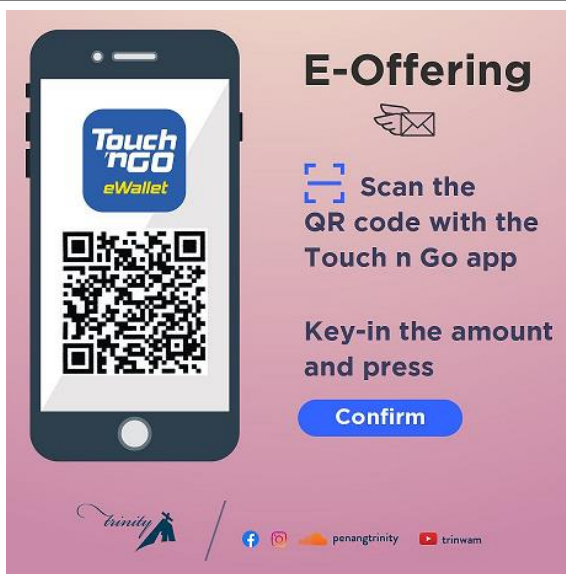
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Coming up in March!

- 14 – MW Sunday
- 20 – 2nd LCEC Meeting
- 28 – Palm Sunday

2021 Lent Meditations

<http://me.penangtrinity.org/lent2021>

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