

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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4th Sunday in Lent

MW Sunday

March 14, 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."



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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

“We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.”

Psalm 33:20-22, NIV

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of creation
O, my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who
When darkness of sin is abounding
Who, when the godless do triumph
All virtue confounding
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night
Saints with His mercy surrounding

Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise (*repeat*)

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee (*repeat*)

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee (*repeat*)

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee (*repeat*)

Eagle's Wings

Here I am waiting
Abide in me, I pray
Here I am longing for You
Hide me in Your love
Bring me to my knees
May I know Jesus more and more

Come live in me
All my life, take over
Come breathe in me
And I will rise, on eagle's wings

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for women all around the world, that they might lead fulfilling lives that are not defined by the demands and expectations of modern society, but by their discovery of God and His good will for them.
2. Pray for the women in Malaysia to be protected against individuals and systems that seek to suppress, abuse, or discriminate because of their gender.
3. Pray for our church's women to be godly examples for the rest of the community, especially for the next generation of women.
4. Pray for ourselves, that the Spirit would yield in us the fruit of patience, that we might persevere in the right things.

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

Isaiah 40:27-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stamina to Live Well ... Through Waiting

Rev Yong Wai Yin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Stamina to Live Well ... Through Waiting

Scripture Passage: Isaiah 40:27-31

Introduction

Everyone desires to live well in all the circumstances of life.

Biblically, living well is life with God. Jesus shows us what it is like.

We find stamina to live well through waiting on God, in relationship with Him.

Who Is God? Who Are We?

God is everlasting:

- God is Creator
- God never tires or grows weary
- God gives strength and power to the weary and the weak

We human beings are:

- created by the Lord, the Creator.
- those who have received God's story.
- those who are given strength and power.
- those who have direct access to the Lord.
- the ones who are immensely loved.
- lovers, like the God who created us, made us in God's image, to receive love and to give love.

Strength from the Lord

Strength comes from waiting upon God, based on knowing God, experiencing Him, and knowing the truth about ourselves.

Waiting Upon the Lord

Active waiting includes listening to the Lord, giving Him our total attention.

Conclusion

Know: that the Lord our Creator never tires or wearies of us coming to Him again and again and lavishes His immense love upon us.

Be: lovers – lovers of God and out of God's love for us, be lovers of people.

Do: wait on the Lord so that our strength is renewed, and we are able to live well whatever the seasons of our lives.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Read Isaiah 40:1-31. What does this chapter tell us about God? Jot your observations and take time to reflect on them. In what ways have you experienced these things about God?
2. What image or phrase would you use to describe the past 12 months? What has your experience of God been like in the last 12 months?
3. Read Isaiah 40:1-31 again. What does this chapter tell us about human beings, i.e., us? What does it tell us about how God relates to us? Take time to wait upon God and allow God to comfort you and to renew your strength.

SONG OF DEDICATION

The Power of Your Love

Lord, I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Lord, unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Stamina to Live Well ... Through Waiting (Isaiah 40:27-31)
Preacher	Rev Yong Wai Yin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mr Aylwin Oon
Reader	Mrs Wong Lee Wah
Musician	Ms Chang Jia Ren
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong
Visual	Ms Roshni George

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Noah and the Flood: New Life and Covenant (Genesis 6:1-9:17)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Mr Charles Teh
Musician	Ms Joyce Goh

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 against the spiritual forces of evil and violence over Myanmar as the nation faces an increasingly brutal crackdown by the military authorities against protestors. Even as the people are protesting and crying out for freedom, pray for the Church in Myanmar to arise for such a time as this, that God will use His people to deliver the nation not only from physical bondage, but also from spiritual bondage.

Nation

- Pray that our leaders will continue to focus on important issues the nation is facing. Pray that the various political parties will work together to rebuild the economy. Pray that the government will work together with the Health Ministry to overcome the pandemic. Pray also for wisdom for the government to come up with effective ways to protect the rakyat against COVID-19 vaccine scams.

Church

- Pray that we will learn to surrender the well-being of our family members into God's hand. Pray that we will not grow weary or anxious due to the separation that we are currently experiencing, that we will have a deep assurance within our hearts that God is watching over our loved ones who are not physically present with us.

Self

- Pray that God's love may flow through us to others, that we may be patient when change comes slowly, kind when life seems harsh and gentle when others feel bruised. Pray also that we will be humble when things go well and be peaceful when anger rises within; to be quick to forgive when wronged and to persevere when the way is hard.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

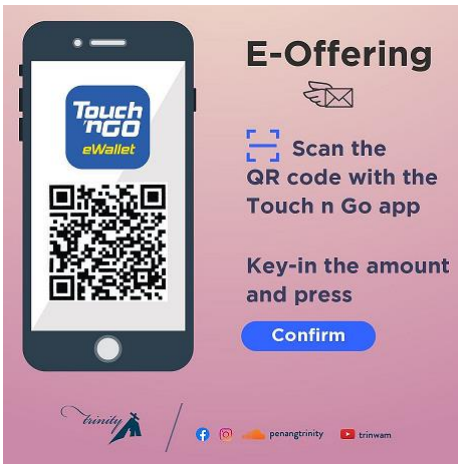
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Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445 | Administrator – Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- 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 – March 14

Communion Offering for March 2021 will go to the TRAC MW fund for the poor and needy.



Online Bible Study – 2 Corinthians: Starts April 6, 8pm. Go to <https://bit.ly/tmcpregistration> to register with your "In Person Worship" booking account.

Congratulations to Dr Kenneth, Dr Brenda and Medalene Sim on the birth of their daughter / granddaughter, Leah Wong, on March 8, weighing 2.9kg.

Coming up in March!

20 – 2nd LCEC Meeting

28 – Palm Sunday

2021 Lent Meditations

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

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

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