

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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3rd Sunday of Easter

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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."

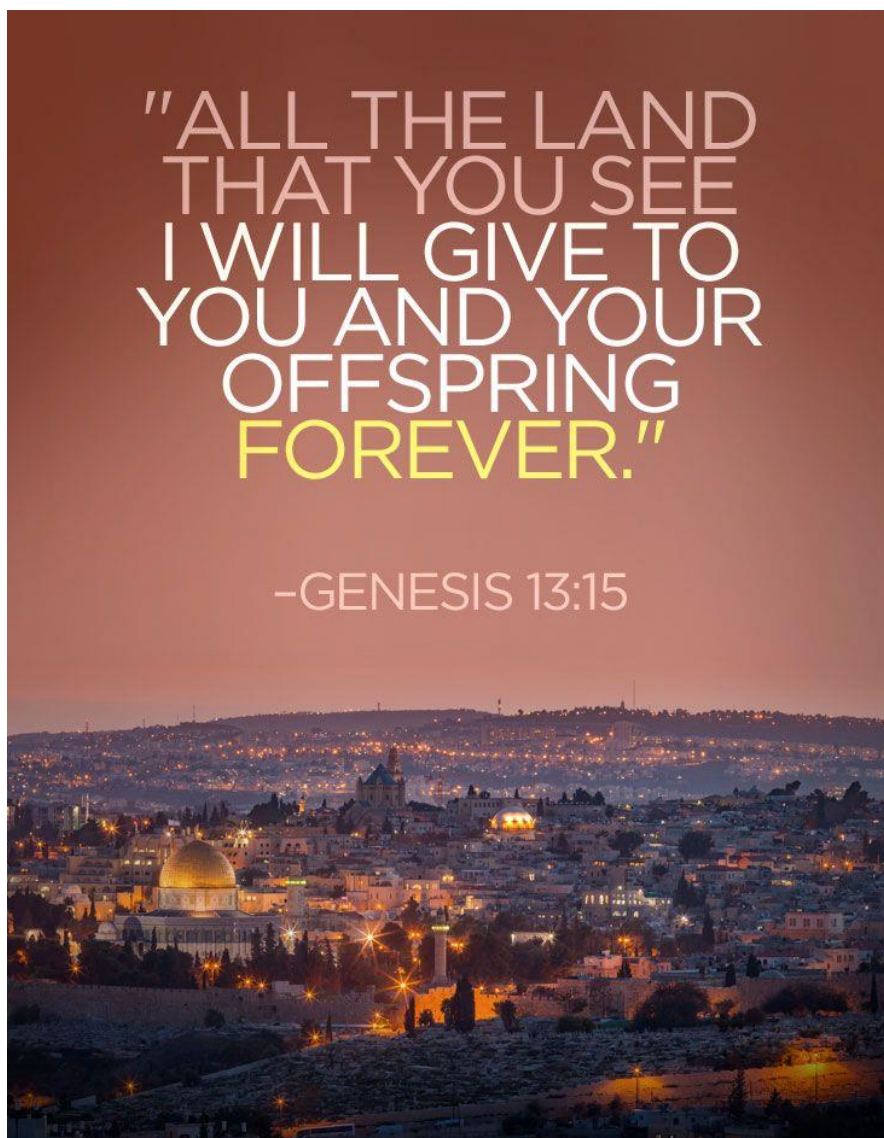


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Our Vision

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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

L: Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

P: We have a high priest Who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.

L: He has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.

P: Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him.

L: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy.

P: And find grace to help us in our time of need. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**You Are Good

Lord, You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord, You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

*We worship You
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good*

You are good all the time
All the time, You are good
You are good all the time
All the time, You are good

For who You are, for who You are
You are good, You are good
You are good, good, good
Yes You are (*repeat*)

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Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

*So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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Worthy

It was my cross You bore
So I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

*Worthy is Your name Jesus
You deserve the praise worthy is Your name
Worthy is Your name Jesus
You deserve the praise worthy is Your name*

And now my shame is gone
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Be exalted now in the heavens
As Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise
You're the name above all names

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for India as they breach 200,000 daily Covid-19 cases. Pray for those who need urgent medical care to receive it even as hospital beds and supplied oxygen runs short.
2. Pray for Malaysia, that its people would do all they can to reduce the likelihood of a 4th wave amidst the Ramadan and Raya period.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a community that treats one another honourably and with humility.
4. Pray for us to be people characterized by faithfulness as we, in turn, respond to God's faithfulness to us.

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 13:5-15 & 14:17-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Response of Faith: Abram and Lot, Melchizedek

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Response of Faith: Abram and Lot, Melchizedek

Scripture Passage: Genesis 13:5-15 & 14:17-24

BIG IDEA: Faith makes us see beyond immediate circumstances.

Key Verse: Genesis 13:15 (NIV)

All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Introduction

- God's promise of blessing to Abram was tested through various times in Abram's life
- Sometimes the promise seemed threatened by setbacks and circumstances
- But God works providentially to ensure His promise progresses to fulfilment
- God acts providentially to:
 - Remove obstacles
 - Create space
 - Test character

Abram's faith responded with:

1. Honour

Not grasping for what God has already promised

- Even though Abram was the elder, he generously allowed Lot to choose first in a land dispute between their herders (Gen 13:5-9)
- Lot chose what seemed to be the superior choice (Gen 13:10) but God providentially preserved Abram's inheritance of the land
- By not grasping for the obvious advantage, Abram discovered God's superior choice for him instead (Gen 13:14-17)

2. Humility

Submitting to Spiritual Authority

- Although Abram was in a position of strength after a military victory, he recognized Melchizedek's royal priestly authority (Gen 14:17-20)
- Abram gave a tenth of what he had after receiving a priestly blessing
- By submitting to spiritual authority, Abram understood that his successes could have only come from God alone

3. Hope

Seeing beyond the present circumstances/opportunities

- The king of Sodom's offer of having Abram keep the bounty of war presented an opportunity to profit from his recent military victory (Gen 14:21)
- Moreover, his success could have offered an opening to exert military dominance over the area
- However, Abram rejected these opportunities and placed his hope in the security and reward that only God can provide (for e.g. see Gen 15:1)

Conclusion

Know: God works to bring His promises to fulfilment

Be: Faithful to how God wants us to live

Do: Live in way that is *honourable* in God's sight, *humbly* submitting to His authority and putting your *hope* in His faithfulness

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. In your present family and other relationships, what are areas that make it difficult to treat one another honourably?
2. Why does God place us under spiritual authority? In what ways do you find submitting to spiritual authority a challenge?
3. How can we know whether it is the right time to seize the opportunities before us or to wait in trust for God's leading?

SONG OF DEDICATION

What A Faithful God

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace
I find rest in Your presence and fullness of joy
In worship and wonder, I behold Your face
Singing what a faithful God have I

*What a faithful God have I
What a faithful God
What a faithful God have I
Faithful in ev'ry way*

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry
Through the storm, You're the beacon, my song in the night
In the shelter of Your wings, hear my heart's reply
Singing what a faithful God have I

Lord all sov'reign, granting peace from heav'n
Let me comfort those who suffer with the comfort You have giv'n
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live
Singing what a faithful God have I

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Response of Faith: Abram and Lot, Melchizedek (Genesis 13:5-15 & 14:17-24)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Nancy Empawi
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Musicians	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Ms Joyce Goh, Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Visual	Mr David Law (livestream), Ms Claudia Lim

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Lord's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:1-21)
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mr Aylwin Oon
Reader	Ms Emily Ngu
Musicians	Ms Joyce Goh, Ms Amelia Loo, Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr David Law (livestream), Ms Roshni George

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

- There has been a surge of hate and violence against people of Asian descent in the United States since the coronavirus pandemic began. Asians across the US are on alert because of increased attacks on Asian-Americans over the past year. Pray that the US government will pass laws against this upsurge of racist violence, and that the law enforcers will do their part to protect the Asians in the country.

Nation

- With new Covid-19 clusters emerging due to unnecessary travels, pray that locals and foreigners alike will continue to adhere to the SOPs ahead of the fasting month. Pray also for God's protection upon the education sector as all schools have now reopened. Pray that students, parents, teachers and others involved in the education sector will do their part to prevent new clusters from emerging.

Church

- Pray that God's Word will penetrate into our hearts and minds, and transform our lives to be more Christ-like. Pray that as a community of God's people, we may be able to spur and encourage one another. Pray also, for those who are battling illnesses. Pray that their lives will be a living testimony of God's goodness despite the illnesses.

Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to have the right perspective of being Christians so that our lives will be transformed. Pray that we will choose to trust in the Lord even when the things that happen around us do not make sense. Pray that we will be strong and of good courage, and not compromise our faith as we await Christ's return.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

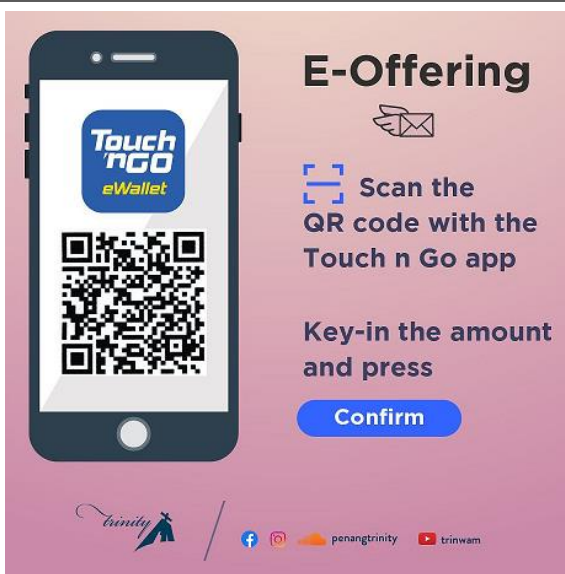
Administrator – Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform the Church Office.
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TODAY – April 18

Communion Offering for April 2021 will go to Asia Community Service.

For those who wish to be baptized, confirmed and received into membership, please contact the Church Office.



E-Offering

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Our heartfelt condolences to Mary Wolf and the rest of the family on the demise of her beloved husband, Joseph Raymond Wolf, who passed away on Monday, April 12. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

Coming up in April!

20 – Online Bible Study “2 Corinthians” (Lesson 2)

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

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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>.