

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

“Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.”

Psalm 111:2-3, 5, NIV

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

L: Come, all you people, come and worship.

P: *For God has made a covenant with us, He will save us.*

L: We trust in You, O God, for You are faithful.

P: *Show us Your ways and teach us Your paths, as we wait for You.*

L: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

P: *We lift up our souls to You, and praise Your holy name. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**For All You've Done

My Saviour, Redeemer
Lifted me from the miry clay
Almighty, forever
I will never be the same

'Cause You came near
From the everlasting
To the world we live
The Father's only Son

And You lived, and You died
And You rose again on high
And You opened the way
For the world to live again
Hallelujah, for all You've done

Friend Of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me, it's amazing
(It's amazing, it's amazing)

*I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend*

God Almighty, Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

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When I Look Into Your Holiness

When I look into Your holiness
When I gaze into Your loveliness
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart
When my will becomes enthralled in Your love
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You

*I worship You, I worship You
The reason I live, is to worship You
I worship You, I worship You
The reason I live, is to worship You*

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By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith, the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith, the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray against further COVID-19 mutations, especially the strain currently ravaging India.
2. Pray for Malaysian schools, that they would be effective in protecting students from the pandemic, as well as educating them.
3. Pray for those who are feeling disconnected from our church because of technological limitations or other reasons. Pray that the Lord will provide ways for us to stay united and in fellowship as a body of Christ.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be a people of hope, trusting in the promises of the Lord, even when we do not yet see.

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 15:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Lord's Covenant with Abram

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Lord's Covenant with Abram

Scripture Passage: Genesis 15:1-21

BIG IDEA: God made His Covenant with Abram – a man of courage and faith but who also harbours fears and doubts.

Key Verse: Genesis 15:6 (NIV)

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

1. God comforts Abram's fears and allays his doubts.
 - Fear of retribution after his victory over the 4 kings and his confrontation with the king of Sodom where he refused his offer.
 - Doubts about God's promise to give him children and the promised land.
2. Lessons can we pick up along the way.
 - God knows our innermost fears and He provides comfort.
 - God is our Sovereign, our shield, our King and He provides protection.
3. God comforts and confirms His promise to Abram.
 - God's promises cannot fail for God cannot fail.

God works out his purposes in His time, His way, in accordance with His will.

Conclusion

Know: God is faithful, and His promises will come to pass but, in His way, and His time.

Be: Patient and enduring and hold fast onto God's promises.

Do: Persevere in faith and continue to believe in God's promises especially when things don't seem to be happening.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. As with Abram, we too might be afraid, have doubts, feel impatient and frustrated as we seek to obey God. In what ways can we be encouraged from how God deals with Abram in this part of his journey of faith?
2. Are you currently faced with fears, doubts, temptations to go a different way, and even frustration while struggling to obey what God has shown you? Share and/or bring this to God, He already knows... pour your heart out to Him.
3. Abram did not get to know if would gain possession of the promised land. God revealed that his descendants see the promise fulfilled. Share and discuss your prayer requests to maintain your faith and keep patient hope in God.

SONG OF DEDICATION

Standing on the Promises

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Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let his praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God

Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today'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 Amelia Loo, Mr Shane Tan, Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Chuah Chang En, Mr Jason Tham
Visual	Mr David Law (livestream), Ms Roshni George

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 16:1-16)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mr Yee Eh Horng
Musicians	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Mr Tairven Lee, Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Visual	Ms Wong Fong Yi (livestream), Ms Roshni George Mr Seah Por Shen (Observer)

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

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 nd & 4 th)
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SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
11.00am	BB Platoon (King's Academy) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
5.45pm	Small Groups: Young Families – Tairven Lee
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8:30pm	Sungai Ara I – Ling Lek Chian (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- India and other nations in Europe are struggling to cope with the rising COVID-19 cases. Pray for their governments and health authorities to take appropriate steps to combat this pandemic. Pray also, for God's intervention to contain the spread of infection in densely populated and poorer cities; that He will spare countries already burdened with famine, disease and chronic poor health.

Nation

- Pray that God will grant the government and health authorities wisdom to take appropriate measures to curb the rising daily infections. Pray for patience and vigilance over the nation, that despite experiencing "pandemic fatigue", the people will be responsible to observe all SOP safeguards. Pray also, for God's protection upon all schools and places of worship which have re-opened, that no new clusters will emerge.

Church

- Pray for those who are sick, that God will comfort them in their suffering, grant skill and wisdom to the hands of their doctors, and bless the means used for their healing. Pray too, that God will surround those who are struggling financially with people who will help them through this time. Pray that He will meet their immediate needs and provide them with long-term solutions.

Self

- Pray that we will discipline ourselves to draw near to God each day, removing all distractions from our hearts and minds, so that we may immerse ourselves in His Word and spend time in prayer. Pray that we will seek Him in all humility and be willing to submit to His transforming power in every area of our lives.

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

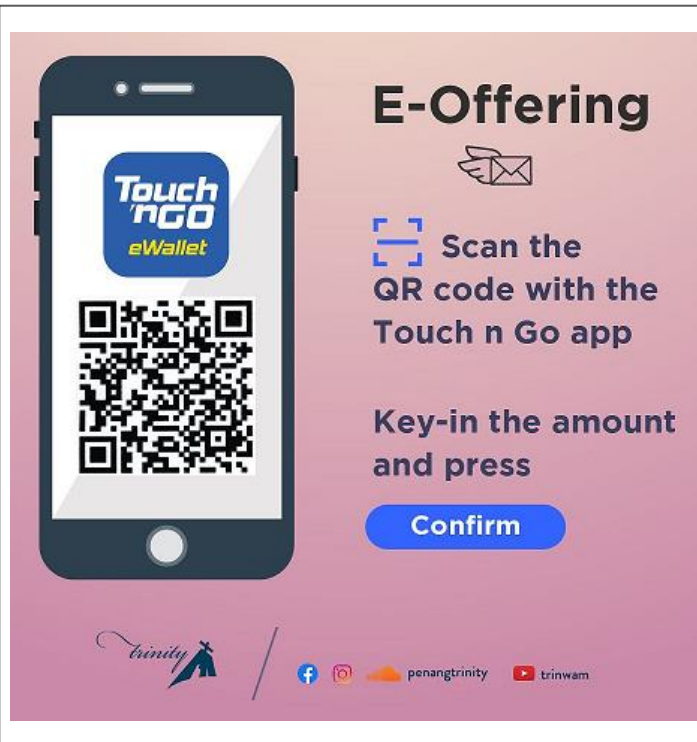
- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform the Church Office.
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TODAY – April 25

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

Communion Offering for May 2021 will go to Charis Hospice.

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



E-Offering

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Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

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Coming up in May!

09 – Mothers' Day

15 – LCEC Meeting

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

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