

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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

“No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.”

Psalm 33:16-18, NIV

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

L: We have gathered to worship the Eternal One;

P: Seeking rest in the refuge of the God Who sees.

L: God hears the cries of the oppressed.

P: He sees the plight of the hungry and homeless.

L: God knows the struggles we face each day.

P: Let us rejoice and worship the God Who sees. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day, every tongue will confess You are God
One day, every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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So You Would Come

Before the world began
You were on His mind
And ev'ry tear you cry
Is precious in His eyes
Because of His great love
He gave His only Son
Ev'rything was done
So you would come

Nothing you can do
Could make Him love you more
And nothing that you've done
Could make Him close the door
Because of His great love
He gave His only Son
Ev'rything was done
So you would come

Come to the Father, though your gift is small
Broken hearts, broken lives, He will take them all
The power of the Word, the power of His blood
Ev'rything was done so you would come

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world amidst fears and uncertainties over various types of Covid vaccines. Pray for truth and facts to prevail, and that God would give each country's leaders wisdom as to how to implement which vaccines effectively so that lives and livelihoods might ultimately be saved.
2. Pray for Malaysia and those who have been sexually harassed or abused. Pray for those in authority to have wisdom, courage, and integrity in dealing with such cases, and that perpetrators would not be let off the hook to repeat their offences.
3. Pray for our church, Penang Trinity, that we would be a community that waits upon the Lord regularly in prayer.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be a people of faith, always prepared to put our faith in the God of the impossible.

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Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)
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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 16:1-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Running Ahead of God

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Running Ahead of God

Scripture Passage: Genesis 16:1-16

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

God Is Able

God is able
He will never fail
He is Almighty God
Greater than all we seek
Greater than all we ask
He has done great things

*Lifted up, He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His Name, we overcome
For the Lord our God is able*

God is with us
God is on our side
He will make a way
Far above all we know
Far above all we hope
He has done great things

God is with us
He will go before
He will never leave us
He will never leave us
God is for us
He has open arms
He will never fail us
He will never fail us

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Running Ahead of God (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
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Visual	Ms Wong Fong Yi (livestream), Ms Roshni George Mr Seah Por Shen (Observer)

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Covenant of Circumcision, The Three Visitors (Genesis 17:1-18:15)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf
Musicians	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Mr Tairven Lee, Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Ms Wong Fong Yi (livestream), Ms Roshni George Ms Chang Jia Ning (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
	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 the heads of governments and those in authority to come to peaceful resolutions amid global tensions, and that further violence and suffering will not ensue in our already pandemic-stricken world. Pray that the governments of the world will work together to battle the COVID-19 virus and put an end to the pandemic that has caused much suffering to people everywhere.

Nation

- Pray for our nation's Judiciary to be independent, impartial and to possess integrity to make wise rulings that will uphold established constitutional rights and freedom. Pray that they will be protected from political pressures, and be able to bring about just and rightful judgments for all. Pray that our judges will avoid impropriety and controversial extrajudicial activities, that they will perform their duties justly and efficiently.

Church

- Pray that we will grow deeper in intimacy with Christ, be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and guidance, have a deeper desire and love for the Word of God, and seek Him intentionally. Pray that we will arise and use this season to boldly preach the Gospel of salvation when many are searching for hope in a time of hopelessness and are in desperate need of a Saviour.

Self

- Pray that the Lord will enable us to grow stronger in our commitment to Him. Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of His Word will remind us to constantly seek and draw nearer to Him. Pray also, that God will grant us wisdom, discernment, righteousness and strength when faced with trials and temptations.

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.
- **Online/ATM Transfer: Maybank Account No. MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang).** Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – May 2

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.

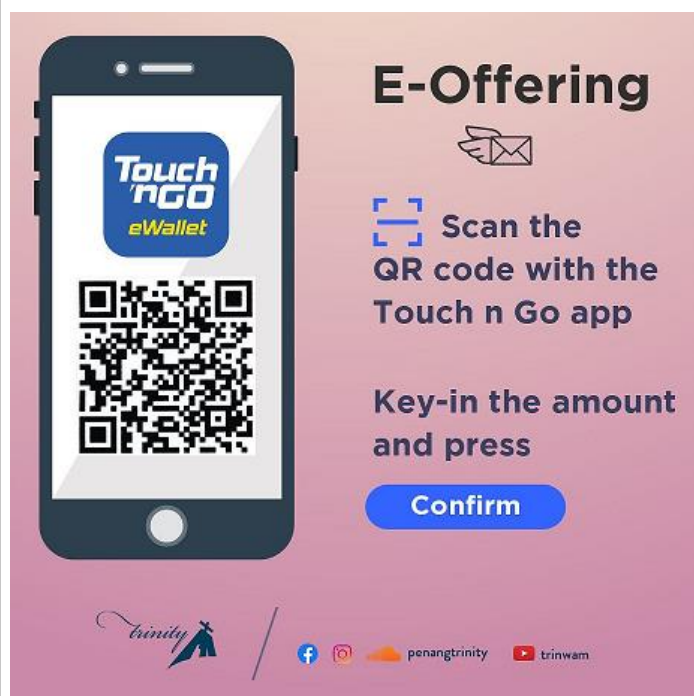
Coming up in May!

09 – Mothers' Day

15 – LCEC Meeting

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>



E-Offering

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For online church service issues, please WhatsApp Angeline at 013-243 1282.

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.