

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 9, 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**

“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 has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.  
He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.”

*Psalm 111:2-5, NIV*

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

L: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name.

**P: *Make known among the nations what He has done.***

L: He remembers His covenant forever;

**P: *The Word He commanded, for a thousand generations.***

L: Sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

**P: *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Great Things

Come, let us worship our King  
Come, let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Saviour has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things (*repeat*)

*O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
O Jesus, our Saviour, Your name lifted high  
O God, You have done great things*

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

Hallelujah, God above it all  
Hallelujah, God unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
(*repeat*)  
You've done great things

## 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know, thus saith the Lord

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O, for grace to trust Him more*

O, how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end

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## How Great Is Our God

The splendour of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth, rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one  
Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for India, which is badly hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. Daily deaths and infections are continuing to hit new records with a severe lack of oxygen supply and medical infrastructure, and the crisis is spreading to rural areas.
2. Pray for Malaysia as a new MCO is implemented in several areas. Pray for the public to cooperate in reducing movement and exposure even if there is little enforcement.
3. Pray for our church, Penang Trinity, to be firm in its identity as a united body of Christ. Pray for its members to build up the common body in their diversity.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be a holy people, set apart from the rest of the world in our attitudes, our motives, and our values.

## **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.

## **E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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 17:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Our Covenant-Making God

Mr Tan Chong Jin

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Our Covenant-Making God

Scripture Passage: Genesis 17:1-21

**BIG IDEA: God calls us to a covenant relationship.**

**Key Verse: Genesis 17:1b (NIV)**

*"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.*

### **Introduction**

- Abram has now lived in Canaan for nearly 25 years
- By now his first-born son Ismael is 13 years of age and has become the focus of Abram's hopes to extend his family line
- But God clarifies that His covenant promises would be fulfilled through another son, one that would be born to Abram and Sarai
- God's covenant with Abram included:
  - Life of intimacy with God (Faith)
  - Life marked out for God (Circumcision)
  - Life of Promise (Isaac and the Future)

What we learn from God's Covenant with Abram:

### **1. Intimacy brings life**

*A living relationship with God is the basis of living*

- Abram is to live faithfully in God's presence
- Being blameless before God is a result of intimacy with God
- Looking to God first enables us to live in relation with God purposes around us (e.g. John 5:16-17)

### **2. Identity forms destiny**

*God gives us identity and meaning in life*

- God gave Abram and Sarai new names to mark out their destiny
- Abraham's family is to be marked out by circumcision as a sign of the covenant
- Our identity and destiny are now in and with God's Son, Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

### **3. Impossible becomes irrelevant**

*What is impossible to us is possible with God*

- We are responsible to live rightly and wisely before God
- But what is beyond us is still under God's sovereign authority
- It was impossible for Abraham and Sarah to conceive a child at their age
- However, their age limitation was irrelevant in relation to God's intention to bring about the Covenant promises through Isaac

### **Conclusion**

**Know:** God calls us to a life of faith and intimacy with Him

**Be:** Faithful to our identity and destiny with Christ

**Do:** Seek to live in a way that is consistent with God's covenant relationship with us in Christ

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. What does an intimate life with God mean to you?
2. What are the times you find it hard to remember or experience your identity and destiny with Christ?
3. For Abraham and Sarah, God was going to overcome the impossible. Reflect on the areas in your life right now that you need to believe that God will either overcome the impossible for you or enable you to *endure through* the impossible.

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

Thank You, Lord

I come before You today  
And there's just one thing that I want to say  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord  
For all You've given to me  
For all the blessings that I cannot see  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise  
With an outstretched arm, I will bless Your name

*Thank You, Lord  
I just want to thank You, Lord  
Thank You, Lord  
I just want to thank, You Lord  
(Thank You, Lord)*

For all You've done in my life  
You took my darkness and gave me Your light  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord  
You took my sin and my shame  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Our Covenant-Making God (Genesis 17:1-21)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Goh Yi Jane
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Mary Wolf
<b>Musicians</b>	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Mr Tairven Lee, Mr Edwin Oon
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi (livestream), Ms Roshni George Ms Chang Jia Ning

## **Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and His Daughters, Abraham and Abimelek (Genesis 18:16 – 20:8)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ms Iris Ang
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Cheah Yan Li
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Gary Lundquist
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Shane Tan, Ms Adelya Yeoh
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En (livestream), Ms Roshni George Mr Hugo Cheah (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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )

### **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 – Chang Chee Jia (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Continue to pray for India as hospitals and morgues are overwhelmed by the pandemic. Medicines and oxygen are in short supply, and its healthcare system is at breaking point. Pray for wisdom for the government to make effective decisions to bring down the daily cases, and that there will be a sufficient supply of vaccines for the population. Pray that these supplies will arrive quickly.

### Nation

- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance upon the Education Ministry as it looks into ways to evaluate the progress of Year 6 primary school students effectively through school-based assessments before they proceed to secondary school. Pray that our nation's education system will also help mould the students' social, emotional and physical development besides academic achievement.

### Church

- Pray for discernment and wisdom to be upon our church leaders as we navigate through this season of uncertainty. Pray for wise decisions to be made as we once again experience a spike in the total number of new daily cases of Covid-19. Pray that the church leadership will remain united in one heart and spirit as we seek to do what is needful in these difficult and challenging times.

### Self

- Praise and thank God for blessing us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Pray that we will respond with lives that honour God; humble hearts that depend upon Him, joyful hearts that worship Him, pure hearts that glorify Him, and faithful hearts that please Him. Pray too, that we will serve the Lord no matter how big or small the task, cheerfully and wholeheartedly.



# 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 9

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!

15 – LCEC Meeting

## 2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

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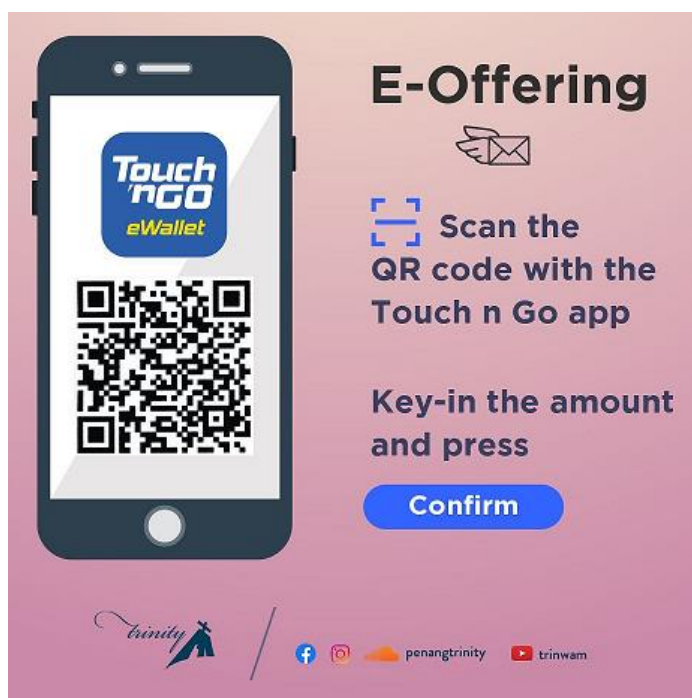
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## Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

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