

# 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**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

*John 13:34-35, NIV*

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

L: We are a community of faith, created by the love of God.

**P: *We are a community of faith, set free in Jesus Christ.***

L: We are a people, called to reach out to those in our midst and in other lands.

**P: *We are a people, called to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.***

L: We have come, not to boast or exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

**P: *We have come to praise Him; to share of His goodness and love toward all. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

*Hosanna, Hosanna*

*You are the God who saves us*

*Worthy of all our praises*

*Hosanna, Hosanna*

*Come have Your way among us*

*We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

Hosanna, Hosanna

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## As We Gather

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts  
Begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
We'll be blessed because we came

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## Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory

Speak O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over un - belief

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray against the spread of the more infectious Delta variant of Covid-19. Pray for God's mercy, especially upon countries that are already struggling to cope with existing cases.
2. Pray for Malaysia's B40 and migrant workers, that God would provide for them amidst this ongoing lockdown, whether by opportunities for employment or the kindness of others.
3. Pray for our church this Small Group Sunday, that more of our congregation would come to experience Christian discipleship in regular and close community through small groups.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be willing to be vulnerable and held accountable to other brothers & sisters in Christ.

## **E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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for online transfers.*

## **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**

Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
1 Corinthians 11:17-34;  
Matthew 28:18-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

We Covenanted Together to Be Disciples

Rev Dr Andrew Tan

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: We Covenanted Together to Be Disciples

Scripture Passage: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 28:18-20

### Introduction

By our covenant with God, we are covenanted with each other, and are therefore accountable to each other for our discipleship.

### 1. God Makes Covenant With Us to Be His Holy People

#### **a. God made a covenant with Israel but they failed to keep it.**

- He gave His Law that describes what His holy people would be like.
- He also gave them the tabernacle and filled it with His glorious presence.

#### **b. God promised a new covenant to solve two problems.**

- (See Jer. 31: 31-34; Eze. 26:27)
- The first is the problem of sin which separates us from God.
- The second is the problem of the heart which strays from God.

#### **c. Jesus fulfilled the new covenant and solved the two problems.**

- The Holy Communion reminds us that Jesus' shedding of His blood is how the new covenant was established (1 Cor. 11:25).
- Jesus's death and covenant with us solved the two problems: (1) the removal of sins which allows God to dwell among us, and (2) the change of heart through the HS which enables God's people to keep His laws.

### 2. God Requires Us to Be Faithful to His Covenant By Keeping His Law

- When God covenants with us, He requires us to be governed by His laws. ILL. 1 Cor. 11: 21-22.
- What are some "laws" that govern us Christians?
  - All God's moral laws in the OT especially the 10 Commandments.
  - Love one another. (Jn. 13:34; Gal. 6:2)
  - The teachings of Jesus in the Gospels especially the Sermon on the Mount.
  - The NT imperatives for the Christians. E.g. Live by the Spirit. (Gal. 5:16-26)

### 3. We Have Covenanted With Each Other to Keep God's Law

- Since we are bound to God by a common covenant, we are also bound to each other by that covenant.
- We have a moral obligation to grow as a holy people of God i.e. to become disciples of Jesus Christ. See Matt. 28:19-20.
- Baptism ushers us in to a life-long discipleship!
- How does a church organize a life-long discipleship?
  - Groups need to be small.
  - Groups have to be Word based.
  - Groups need to be accountable.
  - Groups need to have longevity.

### Conclusion

I urge you to join a small group and that small groups practice accountability.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. God's intention from the old covenant was that (a) we can come into God's presence to worship and (b) we keep His laws to be His holy people. How has the new covenant helped us to do this where the old covenant failed?
2. How do you explain that the new covenant governs our behaviour? See 1 Cor. 11:21-22ff. What Christian teachings should govern our behaviours? How conscientious have you been in obeying those teachings?
3. (a) How and why does our baptism usher us into a life-long discipleship? See Matt. 28:18-20. What does the idea of life-long discipleship mean to you? (b) Explain how our covenant with God relates to accountability with one another. How would you want accountability to be practiced in your small group?

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **SONG OF DEDICATION**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above

We share our mutual woes  
Our mutual burdens bear  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares

When we are called to part  
It gives us inward pain  
But we shall still be joined in heart  
And hope to meet again

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	We Covenanted Together to Be Disciples (Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 28:18-20)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Dr Andrew Tan
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Shereena Yoon
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Eunice Seah
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Amelia Loo

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

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Israel's Origins (Genesis 27:1-41)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mr Aylwin Oon
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Ryan Loke
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Amelia Loo

## 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 – Dr Chang Chee Jia (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for Myanmar and Thailand. Pray that the military junta in Myanmar will honour the results of the nation's last election and release all the political detainees. Pray for Thailand as hundreds of people turned out last week to call for the government's resignation, defying warnings from authorities about soaring COVID-19 cases in the nation. Pray for peace to return to both these nations.

### Nation

- Another RM40 billion has been pledged to alleviate the hardships caused by this latest round of lockdowns. Pray for more prudent financial management even as the Prime Minister and his Cabinet make COVID-19 financial contributions through salary cuts. Pray too, for wisdom and courage for the government to make the right decisions concerning monetary aid for businesses and the public.

### Church

- Pray that Penang Trinity will continue to be a worshipping church. Pray that we will always be reminded that we are created to worship Him in our speech, our conduct and in our being. Pray that God will help us to honour Him in our daily lives and not neglect spending quite time with Him, that we would be intentional in seeking Him through daily prayer and the reading of His Word.

### Self

- Pray that we will seek to be patient, gracious, generous and kind to everyone we encounter. Pray that we will honour God in all the places where He has given us influence or authority. Pray too, that we will strive to be more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and others in need, and being less preoccupied with material things.



# 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 – *on hold for the duration of the MCO*.
- **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 – July 4

Communion Offering for July 2021 will go to the poor and needy in Malaysia affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown.

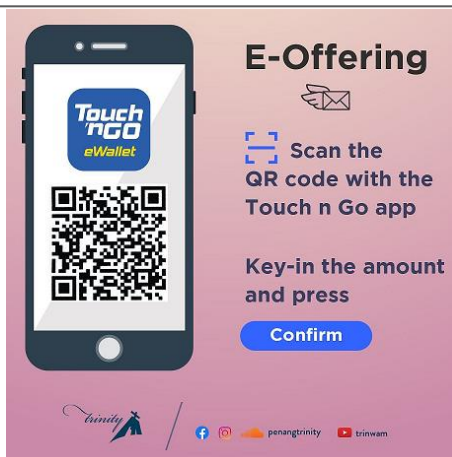
### Join a Small Group

July 2021 is Small Group Ministry month.  
For more information,  
please contact Lim Ling at 012-405 8032.

**TRAC MW Project** – RM110 Pathlab health screening voucher (63 tests worth RM300). Proceeds will go to the CAC and MW social concerns work. For more information, please contact Angela Khong at 016-4700 680.

### Missions Sunday – August 8

Get to know the missionaries we support – register as a Small Group. For more information, please contact Mellisa at 012-452 6247.



**E-Offering**

Scan the QR code with the Touch n Go app

Key-in the amount and press

**Confirm**

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### 2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

## Coming up in July!

04 – Alpha Course (*starts 1pm TODAY*)

11 – Baptism & Membership Candidates Virtual Welcome

17 – 4<sup>th</sup> LCEC Meeting

### Alpha Course (*via Zoom*)

July 4 – Sept 5, 2021 (Sundays, 1pm – 3pm)

Register via <http://bit.ly/tmcpregristration>

### Evangelize or Fossilize

How to share the Gospel one-to-one (*via Zoom*)

31 July 2021, 10am – 12 noon

Register at <http://bit.ly/trac-webinar>

Limited space available

### Bible Reading Marathon (Northern Region)

1 – 4 September 2021

Register at

<http://bit.ly/NorthernBRM2021regform>

✉ : [brm.region2@gmail.com](mailto:brm.region2@gmail.com)

☎ : 012-299 7372 (Teck Chin)

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](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).