

# 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**

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.”

*Psalm 100:1-3, NIV*

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

L: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: *We will sing praises to the Lord and proclaim His salvation all our days.***

L: The Lord is great and worthy of all praise.

**P: *We will proclaim the glory of the Lord to all the nations, and His marvellous deeds to all peoples.***

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea resound!

**P: *For His majesty and power will be established over all the earth. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name*

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

## There Is None Like You

There is none like You  
No one else can touch my heart like You do  
I could search for all eternity long and find  
There is none like You

Your mercy flows like a river wide  
And healing comes from Your hands  
Suffering children are safe in Your arms  
There is none like You

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## God Will Take Care Of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide  
God will take care of you  
Beneath His wings of love abide  
God will take care of you

*God will take care of you  
Through every day, o'er all the way  
He will take care of you  
God will take care of you*

No matter what may be the test  
God will take care of you  
Lean, weary one, upon His breast  
God will take care of you

Through days of toil when heart doth fail  
God will take care of you  
When dangers fierce your path assail  
God will take care of you

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for the world, as countries grapple with the Delta and Lambda variants of Covid-19. Pray for more to know that God is still in control.
2. Pray for Malaysia and its justice system. Pray against unjust decisions, processes, and policies. Pray for the nation's justice system to contain men and women of integrity and strong moral character, according to God's standards of what is right and fair.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's Small Group leaders. Pray for wisdom and strength as they lead their various groups through this trying time. Pray for God to raise up suitable leaders from our Small Groups.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we might encounter God in both the unusual and the ordinary. Pray that our eyes would be opened to recognize His presence and work in our lives.

## **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 28:10-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Life-changing Encounter with God

Mr Tan Chong Jin

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Life-changing Encounter with God

Scripture Passage: Genesis 28:10-22

**BIG IDEA: An encounter with God is an invitation to a life-changing relationship with Him**

**Key Verse: Genesis 28:16b (NIV)**

*“Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”*

### **Introduction**

- Jacob was the next in line to inherit God’s covenant promise after Abraham and Isaac.
- Just as it was important for Abraham and Isaac to pass on the legacy of covenant faith, it was equally important for Jacob to experience God at a personal level.
- Jacob trusted in his own schemes and plans.
- But as he fled from his homeland, Jacob encounters God who brings him into a covenant relationship.

Jacob’s life was changed after encountering God by His:

### **1. Promise Renewed**

*God’s promise is renewed and realised through a personal experience with God*

- God had earlier promised Abraham that God will continue His covenant with Abraham’s descendants (Genesis 17:7)
- However, Jacob must experience God for himself and receive God’s promises.
- Although God is the God of his grandfather, Abraham and his father, Isaac, Jacob must personally come into a covenant relationship with God (Genesis 28:13-14. Genesis 28:20-21)

### **2. Presence Reaffirmed**

*God’s presence is personally experienced*

- God’s promises to Abraham centred on the Promised Land of Canaan.
- However, as a result of his own scheming, Jacob has to flee the land to escape his brother, Esau.
- But God graciously promises Jacob that He will go with Jacob in his ‘exile’ and will bring him back to the Promised Land (Genesis 28:15)

### **3. Provision Released**

*Circumstances can never outstrip God’s provision*

- Jacob is on the run for his life. He does not know how long or hard the journey ahead is going to be in a foreign land.
- Home comforts and security are no longer with him.
- Jacob’s encounter with God assures him that God’s blessing and provisions will remain with him even in exile (Genesis 28:15, 20-21)

### **Conclusion**

**Know:** God invites us to a personal experience and relationship with Him.

**Be:** Ready to receive all that God wants us to experience through a relationship with Him.

**Do:** Seek a daily experience with God through prayer, scripture, and personal devotion.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. Reflect and share on times where you have experienced God through scripture, a strong conviction, family/friends, circumstances, etc.
2. Discuss why it is important for us to experience God at a personal level and not just as an intellectual belief system/teaching.
3. Reflect and share on how God is changing your life based on a personal faith experience with Him.

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling  
Calling for you and for me  
See on the portals, He's waiting and watching  
Watching for you and for me

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing  
Passing from you and from me  
Shadows are gathering, death-beds are coming  
Coming for you and for me

*Come home, come home  
Ye, who are weary, come home  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling  
Calling, O sinner, come home*

O, for the wonderful love He has promised  
Promised for you and for me  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon  
Pardon for you and for me

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading  
Pleading for you and for me  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies  
Mercies for you and for me

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Life-changing Encounter with God (Genesis 28:10-22)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Cheah Yan Li
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Joyce Goh

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

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	On Covenant Road, Discerning Doors & Facing Fears (Genesis 31:1-7,13-55)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Goh Yi Jane
<b>Reader</b>	Mdm Sally Koay
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Joyce Goh

## 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

- The COVID-19 Delta variant is causing devastating outbreaks in Asia and Africa, and cases are rising again in Europe and the US. Pray for God's wisdom upon the medical scientists and experts as they look into the possibility of a third dose of vaccines to boost its efficacy against the virus and its new variants. Pray also, for effective vaccination drives, especially in struggling nations.

### Nation

- Pray for those who have suffered losses during this pandemic: loss of loved ones, loss of income, loss of hope for the future, loss of physical/mental health, etc. Pray for God's strength and comfort upon them, that He will carry them through this time of crisis in their lives. Pray also, for wisdom for the health authorities to make the right decisions that will be effective in controlling the pandemic.

### Church

- Pray for God's strength to be upon us as we continue to face the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Pray that despite the difficulties we are facing, we will still be able to experience His love and to share His love with others. Pray too, that the movement control order will not hinder us to reach out and respond appropriately to the needs of those around us.

### Self

- Pray that we will use the power Christ has given us to accomplish the things He has set before us. Pray that we will experience His indwelling presence as we walk with Him each day. Pray too, that the Holy Spirit will help us to understand and be mindful of the immeasurable love of Christ, a love that surpasses our limited understanding.



# 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 18

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 on joining a small group, 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.

**Social Concerns** – During this period, many are struggling to put food on the table. If you are able to identify and validate such needs of households around you, please obtain their details (name, contact, location) and send them to [angeline.choo@penangtrinity.org](mailto:angeline.choo@penangtrinity.org) or 013-243 1282.



**E-Offering**

Scan the QR code with the Touch n Go app

Key-in the amount and press **Confirm**

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## Coming up in August!

08 – Missions Sunday

### 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)

### 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.

### 2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

Our heartfelt condolences to Chee Tyan, Albert and family on the demise of her beloved father, Mr Ho Kik Loon, who passed away on July 9. 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](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).