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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

“Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore He instructs sinners in His ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them His way.
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of His covenant.”

Psalm 25:8-10, NIV

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

L: Come, bless the Lord, Who leads and guides us in our ways.

P: *We come to worship the One Whose wise teaching directs our days.*

L: Come, bless the Lord, Whose presence sustains and surrounds us wherever we go.

P: *He is present among us; we will not be shaken or live in fear.*

L: Come; lift up your hearts to the Lord!

P: *We will sing God’s praise and worship with joy! 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
He has 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

*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*

Hallelujah, God above it all
Hallelujah, God unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
(repeat)
You’ve done great things
O God, You do great things

O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O, come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh, what a Saviour
Isn't He wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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KuasaMu Terlebih Besar

*Kuasa-Mu terlebih besar, Tuhanku terlebih besar
Tak pernah terlambat janji-Mu, ya Tuhan, menolong hidupku
Kuasa-Mu terlebih besar, Tuhanku terlebih besar
Tak pernah terlambat janji-Mu, ya Tuhan, pulihkan hidupku*

Hanya Kau Tuhan, penolongku
Yang s'lalu setia bersamaku
Kasih-Mu yang sanggup mengubah kehidupanku
Sungguh ku berserah, sungguh ku percaya

Ku percaya Kau bekerja
Mendatangkan kebaikan di hidupku
Ku percaya Kau bekerja
Mendatangkan kebaikan, mendatangkan kebaikan

"KuasaMu Terlebih Besar" words & music by NDC Worship

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Indonesia, with 3 million infected and 77,000 dead due to Covid-19. Pray for God's mercy upon the people, and for His church there to be effective, and salt and light during this difficult time.
2. Pray for those facing financial hardship in our nation. Pray against those who seek to take advantage of their situation, and that God would provide the needed relief especially through those who know and love Him.
3. Pray for our church's Small Groups this SG month, that our SGs would be a safe space for people to be real with God and one another. Pray that genuine Christian discipleship can be encouraged and supported through the SG ministry.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would not live in fear. Pray that our faith in God would help us to discern His will well, and to obey by that same faith.

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

*Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)
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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

Genesis 31:1-7,13-55

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On Covenant Road – Discerning Doors & Facing Fears

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: On Covenant Road – Discerning Doors & Facing Fears

Scripture Passage: Genesis 31:1-7,13-55

Big Idea: To Follow God faithfully, we need to discern His guidance and be careful of our fears.

Introduction: God often guides us using circumstances like 'Open' or 'Closed' doors. However, it is not always His will for us to walk through open doors nor is it to turn away from closed doors. We need to discern His will. As for facing our fears, trust is born out of faith and we should strive to act in faith, not out of fear.

- 1) God guides Jacob's return using different 'doors' of circumstances.
 - a) Internal desires of the heart
 - b) External tensions and threats
 - c) Spiritual convictions of His Word
- 2) While we should face our fears and act in faith, God remains sovereign and His will come to pass despite our failures.
 - a) Jacob succumbs to his fears even after being assured by God.
 - b) Fear spreads, Rachel also acted in fear.
 - c) Laban instead, feared God's warning and acting accordingly.

When Faith falters, Fear is fueled, and Fraud (deceit) follows.

Conclusion

Know: God is faithful and if we trust Him, He can keep us on the right path despite our failings.

Be: Discerning of circumstances, seeking His will to walk by faith and not by sight.

Do: Face and overcome our fears by trusting fully in His provision.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever turned away from an “open door” or found/forced a way through a “closed door”? In hindsight, do you think the decision was the right one? Discuss.
2. When was the last time you were fearful of the circumstances facing you? Did you manage to fully trust God? Share/Discuss.
3. What lessons have you learnt in trying to follow Christ and what help or changes are needed in order to follow Him better?

SONG OF DEDICATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back

I will follow you, Jesus (repeat)

Though none go with me, still I will follow
Though none go with me, still I will follow
Though none go with me, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back

Though I may wonder, I still will follow
Though I may wonder, I still will follow
Though I may wonder, I still will follow
No turning back, No turning back

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Wrestling with God (Genesis 32:22-32)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mr Yee Eh Horng
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo

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

	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 nd & 4 th)

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 number of COVID-19 infections in South-East Asia has almost reached the six millionth mark as the Delta variant spreads through many of these nations. Praise God that the supply of vaccines to these nations is picking up speed. Pray that vaccination efforts will increase steadily and help lessen the impact of the rapidly-spreading Delta variant in these nations.

Nation

- The daily COVID-19 cases breached the 10K mark last week. Pray that the rakyat will stringently follow all SOPs as the new airborne variants can spread very quickly. Pray too, that the vaccination programme will continue on smoothly, and for God's protection upon all vaccination centres, that all staffers in the centres will have strong immunity and stay healthy as they serve the people.

Church

- Praise and thank God for providing us with sufficient resources to help those in need. Pray for God's protection to be upon our members as they reach out to those who require assistance such as groceries during this lockdown. Pray that we will also be able to reach out to our community with the love of Christ. Pray that He will continue to guide us in reaching out to the poor and needy.

Self

- Pray that as God's people, we will not turn away from the path of righteousness for His Name's sake. Pray that we will grow in our commitment to Him as we study His Word. Pray that our dependence on Him will grow deeper as our faith in Him grows stronger, that in all that we do and say, we will emulate Christ as an act of worship unto the Lord.

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 25

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

Communion Offering for August 2021 will go to Eden Handicap Service Centre.

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.

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 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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2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

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

☎ : 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.

Our heartfelt condolences to Puay Chin, Lulu and the rest of the family on the demise of her beloved husband/brother, Mr David Yu, who passed away on July 22. 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.