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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."

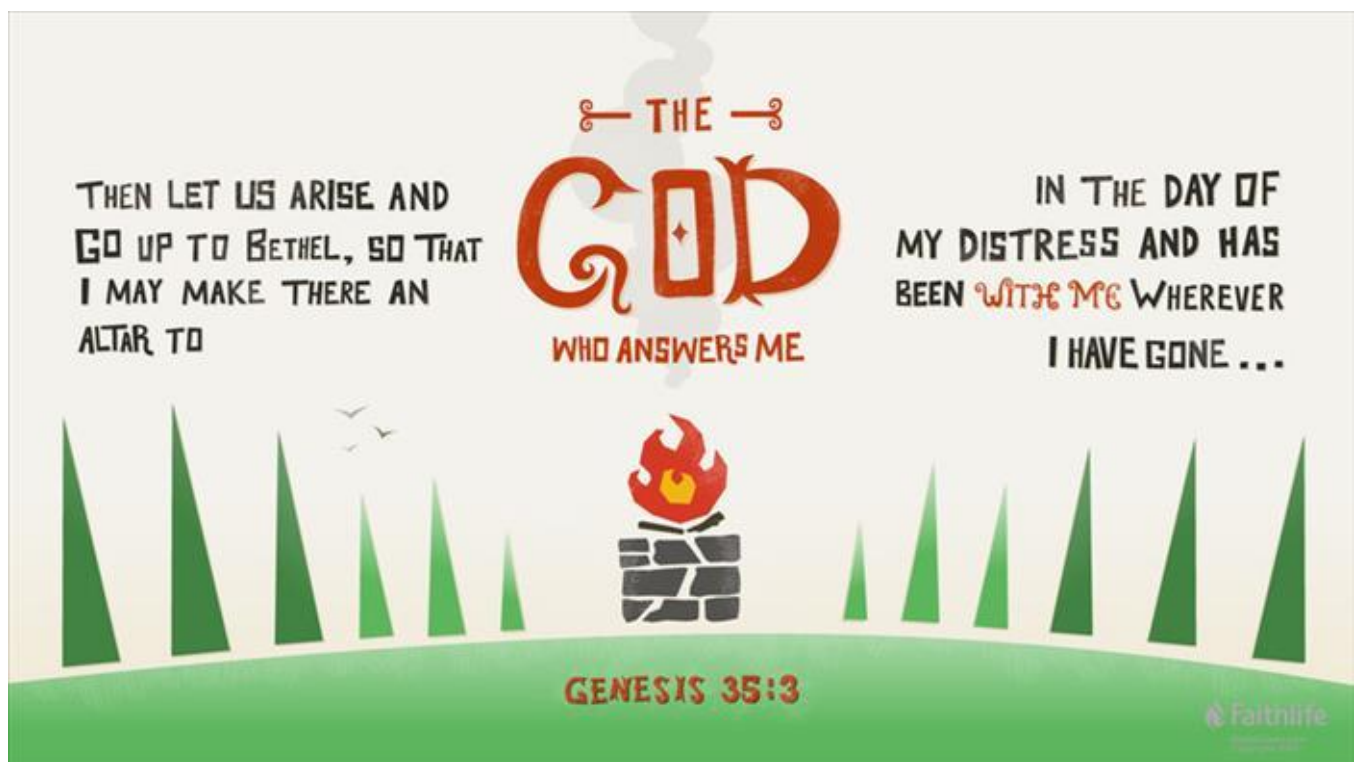


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Our Vision

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

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;
make known among the nations what He has done.
Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;
tell of all His wonderful acts.
Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Look to the Lord and His strength;
seek His face always.”

Psalm 105:1-4, NIV

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

L: Give thanks to God,

P: *Who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night.*

L: Give thanks to God,

P: *Who opened the rock and water gushed forth, and flowed through the desert sands.*

L: Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give; a presence that continually abides.

**P: *We will remember the wonderful works God has done, and worship His holy name.
Amen.***

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Let Us Adore

The heavens declare
The glory of God
And all of the world will join the praise
His wonders proclaim

The oceans and skies
Lift up their voice
And all He has made will rise to bless
The King of all kings

*Let us adore Him, let us adore Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord*

Eternity's King
Is coming again
Though all of the earth will fade away
His truth will remain

*Come and behold Him, bow down before Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord*

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
You are worthy of all praise

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we will make
Is only by His grace
Every mountain we will climb
Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Every soul we long to reach
Every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Every loving word we say
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

*Grace alone, which God supplies
Strength unknown, He will provide
Christ in us, our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone*

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One Voice

Father, we ask of You this day
Come and heal our land
Knit our hearts together
That Your glory might be seen in us
Then the world will know
That Jesus Christ is Lord

Now is the time for you and I
To join our hearts in praise
That the name of Jesus
Will be lifted high above the earth
Then the world will know
That Jesus Christ is Lord

*Let us be one voice
That glorifies Your name
Let us be one voice
Declaring that You reign
Let us be one voice
In love and harmony
And we pray O God, grant us unity*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for South-East Asian countries as they struggle with varying degrees of outbreak of the Delta variant of Covid-19. Pray for their respective governments to make wise decisions for the long-term well-being of their nation.
2. Pray for Malaysia as it opens up various sectors for those who have been fully vaccinated. Pray for wisdom for the public to continue remaining vigilant for the sake of others even if they are vaccinated.
3. Pray for our church this Missions month. Pray for God to point us in the right direction regarding indigenous and Bahasa ministries. Pray for His good timing.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would remain deeply committed to everything God has called us to be – as disciples of Jesus, as spouses, parents, ministry heads, worship enablers, prayer warriors, etc.

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.

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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 35:1-15

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Covenant Commitment with God

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Covenant Commitment with God

Scripture Passage: Genesis 35:1-15

BIG IDEA: God calls us into an ever-deepening relationship with Him.

Key Verse: Genesis 35:3 (NIV)

“Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.”

Introduction

- Jacob returned to the Promised Land after 20 years living under Laban while building a family of his own (Genesis 29-31).
- On his return, he reconciled with his brother, Esau (Genesis 32-33).
- He also faced a crisis due to a conflict in Shechem involving his daughter Dinah, and the revenge of his sons, Simeon and Levi (Genesis 34).
- It was at this point of crisis that God calls Jacob to go to Bethel where God had first appeared to him and fulfil his vow made there in Genesis 28.

What we learn from God's call to Jacob for Covenant commitment:

1. The Call of Commitment

Live in response to God's calling, not circumstances.

- God calls Jacob when he was wrestling with difficult circumstances and fear in Shechem (Genesis 34).
- God's call reminds Jacob of God's faithfulness and his (Jacob's) vow made in Genesis 28:20-22.
- God's call is for us to commit to Him despite the circumstances.

2. The Cost of Commitment

Commitment is costly.

- Jacob's family and extended household had to purify themselves and turn away from idols and other items that inhibited them from fully committing to God (Genesis 35:2-4).
- Jesus calls for a costly commitment to be his disciples (e.g. Luke 9:23-25).
- God continually prunes us to be more fruitful (John 15:1-2).

3. The Consecration of Commitment

Covenant commitment sets us apart for God's purpose.

- Like in the case of Abraham, God gave Jacob a new name - *Israel* (Genesis 32:26-28; Genesis 35:10).
- Jacob's new name signifies his character transformation and his destiny.
- With a new identity and commitment, Jacob takes a step forward in fulfilling God's purposes for his life.

Conclusion

Know: God calls us to deepen our relationship with Him.

Be: Committed for God's purpose and calling.

Do: Identify & prioritise areas in your life that are essential to a growing commitment to God.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What does commitment to God mean to you?

Parents with younger children:

Explain the meaning of “commitment” and relate that to our relationship with God.

2. What is God asking you to give up to follow Christ?

Parents with younger children:

Discuss why commitment can be “costly” to be good in a sport or to help a family member or friend. Relate that to our commitment to serve God.

3. What specific areas of ministry or service is God leading you to?

Parents with younger children:

Think about how the whole family can serve God in various ways at home, church, school or the neighbourhood.

SONG OF DEDICATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

His dying, crimson like a robe
Spreads o'er His body on the tree
Then I am dead to all the globe
And all the globe is dead to me

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Covenant Commitment with God (Genesis 35:1-15)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mr Aylwin Oon
Reader	Mr Gary Lundquist
Musician	Ms Amelia Loo

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Life of Faith (Genesis 37:1-28, 36)
Preacher	Mr Chu Kar Meng
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Ms Vanessa Goh
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

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 Cheek Kau
11.00am	BB Platoon (King's Academy) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
5.45pm	Small Groups: Young Families – Tairven Lee
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8:30pm	Sungai Ara I – Dr Chang Chee Jia (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Many nations around the world are experiencing surges in COVID-19 cases due to the infectious Delta variant. Pray that God will intervene and halt the spread of the virus. Pray too, that wealthier nations will heed the appeal by the World Health Organisation to donate vaccines to the poorer nations so that more people across the world can be vaccinated.

Nation

- Pray that God will cleanse, heal, restore and deliver our nation out of the current political turmoil, economic downturn, health crisis and social distress. Pray for His wisdom and grace to be upon the Yang di Pertuan Agong, Heads of State, the Prime Minister and all the Cabinet Ministers as they lead the country. Pray that His plans and purposes for Malaysia will stand firm forever.

Church

- Pray for God's continuous protection over our church. Pray that we, as a church, will continue to lift our eyes up to the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, from Whom our help comes from. Pray also, that He will help us to cultivate a heart of gratitude in the midst of this raging pandemic, and help us to know that His love invites us to be still and know that He is God, despite our uncertainties.

Self

- Praise God that in Christ, we are a new creation, His ambassadors. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to live our lives in a way that honours Him. Pray that He will bring about an inner change in the deep recesses of our being – a change of character that reflects Christ in all that we do and say, as we grow to be more and more like Him.

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 – August 15

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

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.

Coming up in August!

28 – MW Week of Prayer & Self-Denial

Small Group Leaders & Ministry Group Leaders will be reaching out to our community to obtain latest contact information and your home address. If you are not part of a small group / ministry group, do reach out to any of our leaders or the church office to have your information updated. This exercise will end today.

MW Week of Prayer & Self-Denial

August 28 (via Zoom)

10am – 12 noon

For more information, please contact Angela Khong at 016-470 0680.

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.



E-Offering

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