



14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 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

“May the peoples praise You, God;
may all the peoples praise You.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.”

Psalm 67:3-4, NIV

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

L: Holy are You, O God of grace and mercy.

P: *May all the nations praise You, our blessed Redeemer.*

L: We are in awe and revere You for Your saving works.

P: *Shine Your light upon us and bless us, and teach us Your ways.*

L: We gather to worship our wise and holy God.

P: *Let us lift up our voices in joyful song, because God’s justice is supreme. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**My Saviour Lives

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Everyone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

*I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Saviour, my Saviour lives
Every day a brand new chance to say
Jesus, You are the only way
My Saviour, my Saviour lives*

My Saviour lives
My Saviour lives
My Saviour lives

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let Malaysia sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound wherever He reigns
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

*To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Malaysia's Covid-19 situation. Pray for God's mercy on those suffering the physical and mental effects of the virus and related lockdowns. Pray for His strength to sustain frontliners in their prolonged battle for people's lives.
2. Pray for Malaysia's political situation. Pray for our new PM, Ismail Sabri and his new cabinet to prioritise doing what is right for the people of the nation.
3. Pray for Malaysia's economic situation. Pray for those who have lost jobs or their regular sources of income to be able to meet their needs by God's provision. Pray for the people of Malaysia to be generous in helping one another during this time.
4. Pray for Malaysia's church. Pray for Malaysian Christians in both East & West Malaysia to be genuine disciples of Jesus who seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and that they would also be faithful makers of more disciples of Jesus in this nation.

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 38:1-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

It's Not All About You (God's Divine Providence)

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: It's Not All About You (God's Divine Providence)

Scripture Passage: Genesis 38:1-30

BIG IDEA: God, in His divine providence, works out His purposes through men, even those who are actively pursuing sin.

Introduction

Is Genesis 38 an “Interruption”? No - it is an essential part of the message of God's Divine Providence. A backdrop of sin and corruption of Judah as a stark contrast against the purity and righteousness of Joseph.

1. Firstly, God works out His covenant promise to make Jacob’s descendants a great and mighty nation. (Gen 37,39, 50:20)
2. God works through and with men, even evil men, to fulfill His promise to provide a Messiah through the descendants of Judah. (Gen 49:8-12)
 - God’s purposes are ideally accomplished through obedient servants.
 - But when they disobey, God can accomplish His purposes through unwilling, even evil men despite themselves.

Conclusion

KNOW: God is entirely able to fulfill all His promises despite using us, His imperfect servants – knowingly or unknowingly.

BE: Comforted and trust Him to carry out His purposes even when things seem all dark and hopeless.

DO: Strive to be spiritually pure so that He can use us as His instruments of righteousness to bring him praise and glory.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Knowing that God in His Divine Providence will ultimately see His purposes come to pass, how can we guard against complacency?
2. God does work through men in spite of themselves and until the time is right, circumstances may look grim and hopeless. How does knowledge of His Divine Providence help us to keep our hope and faith strong?
3. In what ways can we be more like Joseph and less like Judah, knowing that God in His providence can work with and through both?

SONG OF DEDICATION

Be Magnified

I have made You too small in my eyes
O Lord, forgive me
And I have believed in a lie
That You were unable to help me
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord, be magnified
O Lord, be magnified

I have leaned on the wisdom of men
O Lord, forgive me
And I have responded to them
Instead of Your light and Your mercy
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord, be magnified
O Lord, be magnified

*Be magnified, O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing You can't do
O Lord, my eyes are on You
Be magnified
O Lord, be magnified*

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text It's Not All About You (*God's Divine Providence*)
(Genesis 38:1-30)
Preacher Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Worship Leaders Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Cheah Yan Li
Reader Ms Cindy Lim
Musician Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Melanie Yoon

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text Living with Integrity (Genesis 39:1-23)
Preacher Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders Mr Amos Lau, Ms Shereena Yoon
Reader Mrs Janet Ng
Musician Dr Melvin Saw

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 Taliban has taken over Afghanistan. Pray for the common people who are living under stress, fear and uncertainties, that their lives will be preserved and safeguarded from threats, harassment and danger. Pray too, for the small group of Christians in the country, that they will find strength, wisdom and peace in God's promises. Pray for God's protection upon them.

Nation

- Pray for children who have become orphans overnight, having lost one or both parents to the coronavirus. Pray for God's comfort upon them, and for relatives and friends to step up in such a time. Pray also, for wisdom for the authorities as they continue to lift more restrictions for those who are fully vaccinated for the sake of the economy. Pray that the people will remain vigilant and follow all SOPs.

Church

- Pray that God will sustain and bring fresh vigour to our wavering faith. Pray that He will inspire and enlighten us to share the Gospel with those around us. Pray also, that He will renew a missionary zeal in us and raise up new missionaries who will follow Him to the ends of the world. Pray that we will be witnesses to His love, grace and goodness, for His glory and the salvation of the world.

Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us in our everyday lives in these challenging times. Praise God that we can rise above all of life's trials through Him. Pray that we will remember to wait upon the Lord and find rest in the shadow of His wings, so that we may be renewed and gain new strength to overcome obstacles that stand in our way.

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 29

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

Communion Offering for September 2021 will go to CREST Penang's PKRCS (Covid-19 Quarantine Centre for Low Risk B40).

Coming up in September!

17 & 18 – Renewal Services (8:30pm)

19 – 64th Church Anniversary Service

25 – 2nd LC / 5th LCEC Meeting

Prayer for Malaysia - September 12

The Methodist Church in Malaysia

Online Prayer Gathering

8pm – 9pm

For more information, go to

<https://pray.smced.org/>

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

Refurbished devices for needy students

Handphones | tablets | computers

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Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers / Cleaner
Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

Rosalind Khoo and family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Pastor, the LCEC and church members for their support, thoughts and prayers during their recent bereavement.



Missions Survey Form

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Please complete a short questionnaire to help us do better next year.



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