

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

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:2-4, NIV

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

L: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

P: *What have we to fear?*

L: In the face of adversity and terror, God is with us.

P: *Of whom shall we be afraid?*

L: God is in control, in every trial and temptation.

P: *To Him be glory and honour, forever and ever. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more, for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Every Time I Pray

I will come to You in prayer
I will seek Your face
I will stand within the gap
There will I intercede

I am weak and helpless, Lord
You, my strength shall be
Guide me with Your gracious hand
There will my victory be

*For every time I pray, I move the hand of God
My prayer does the things my hands cannot do
For every time I pray, the mountains are removed
The paths are made straight and nations turn to You*

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord

That is who You are *(repeat)*
Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for churches all around the world that face adversity and persecution of all sorts. Pray for a strengthening of faith in such instances.
2. Pray for the people of Malaysia to respond well in the face of adversity in the health, economic, and political sectors. Pray for Malaysians to grow in strength of character as a result.
3. Pray for our church, Penang Trinity, that we might be a source of hope and relief for those who are going through adversity. Pray for God's love and hope to flow through us.
4. Pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit would help us to overcome adversity with faith and dependence on God. Pray for us to be able to identify with Christ in His sufferings, and respond to our situations as He would.

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 40:1-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Adversity Shapes Us

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: How Adversity Shapes Us

Scripture Passage: Genesis 40:1-23

BIG IDEA: God is in control over our adversities.

Key Verse: Genesis 40:15 (NIV)

"I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon."

Introduction

- Joseph had been sold to slavery, but God's presence and favour was with him. (Gen 39)
- While Joseph was facing an unimaginable personal crisis, God is beginning to build his potential and prepare him for his future role in saving his family and surrounding nations.
- But further adversity comes when Joseph is falsely accused and unjustly thrown into prison.
- In this prison however, God prepares Joseph to rise to his destiny.

How God transforms adversity for us:

1. Adversity Builds Perseverance.

Testing of faith produces perseverance.

- God works to strengthen our faith through adversities. (Jas 1:2-3, Rom 5:1-5)
- Persevering faith shapes us to display God's glory and purpose. (2 Cor 4:7)
- Joseph remained connected with God's purposes. (Gen 40:6-8)

2. Adversity Raises Potential.

Potential finds expression through adversity.

- Joseph's potential has been shaped through adversity with God's presence with him. (Gen 39-40)
- Joseph's persistence in recognizing God's presence raised his potential.
- His gifting will eventually impact many nations and help save his own family through God's hand.

3. Adversity is Subject to Providence.

God limits the scope of adversity.

- God will not allow us to be tested beyond what we can bear. (1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 4:8-9)
- Joseph did not know whether he would get out of prison. (Gen 40:23)
- However, God was working to position Joseph for the right time when he would fulfil God's plan.

Conclusion

Know: God is powerfully at work through adversity.

Be: Confident in God's overriding providence.

Do: Live with Christ-centred purpose through adverse conditions.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Does adversity make your faith stronger or weaker?

For Kids:

Does God help us when we are in trouble, sad, or disappointed? How?

2. Reflect on how God has shaped your gifting and potential through difficulties.

For Kids:

How does God help us get better or stronger after a tough time?

3. What is one area of difficulty you can commit to God this week and learn to trust His providence?

For Kids:

If God has helped you/your family in a difficult situation, how will you respond to Him? How about writing a prayer response to God?

SONG OF DEDICATION

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power
Crown Thine ancient church's story
Bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour *(repeat)*

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore *(repeat)*

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days *(repeat)*

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	How Adversity Shapes Us (Genesis 40:1-23)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Ms Goh Yi Jane, Ms Cheah Yan Li
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Musician	Ms Amelia Loo

Renewal Service – Friday, 17.09.2021 (8:30PM)

Sermon Title/Text	Blessing our Spiritual Children (2 Timothy 1:1-4)
Preacher	Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar

Renewal Service – Saturday, 18.09.2021 (8:30PM)

Sermon Title/Text	Blessing Our Children (2 Timothy 1:5-7)
Preacher	Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Imparting Blessings (2 Timothy 2:1-7)
Preacher	Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar
Worship Leaders	Rev Shearn Sya, Mrs Jane Khoo Mrs Angela Khong, Mr Amos Lau Ms, Cheah Yan Li, Mr Aylwin Oon Ms Goh Yi Jane, Ms Shereena Yoon
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Dr Melvin Saw Mr Loo Choo Hin

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

- Continue to pray for Afghanistan. Many workers have not been receiving their salaries. Pray for God to intervene as this will lead to a food crisis within a month. Pray too, for the new government formed under the Taliban group, that their eyes will be opened from whatever lies that have blinded them. Pray that they will experience the light of Christ. Pray also, for the safety of the people in the country.

Nation

- Pray that all the ministers of the new Cabinet and the Members of Parliament will put aside their differences and strive to work together for the common good of the nation and the people. Pray that this new government will be God-fearing, righteous, selfless and competent enough to lift our nation out of a devastating health crisis that has contributed to an already weakening financial situation.

Church

- Pray that we will not let the fear of the COVID-19 pandemic rule us, but that we will have the wisdom and courage to bring relief and serve the community with compassion and grace as people cry out for help. Pray that we will offer selfless service, generosity and sacrificial love for those severely impacted by the pandemic. Pray that the love of God for all mankind will be our motivation.

Self

- Pray that we will truly live our lives as God's children by disassociating ourselves from a lifestyle that is contrary to the way of life that God has called us into. Pray too, that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit will prompt us to make time to study His Word so that our faith may be strengthened, enabling us to achieve great things for the honour and glory of God.

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 – September 12

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



Looking for Community Volunteers:

CREST Penang is setting up a Low-Risk Quarantine & Treatment Centre (PKRCS) targeted to isolate Covid-19 Category 1 & 2 (mild) patients in order to break the transmission chain. This PKRCS is free for the B40 community. To register as a volunteer, go to <http://bit.ly/PgPKRCS>.

Vacancies:

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

Prayer for Malaysia - TODAY

The Methodist Church in Malaysia

Online Prayer Gathering

8pm – 9pm

For more information, go to

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

Malaysia Day Of Prayer (MDOP) 2021

Come and pray together to bless Malaysia

September 16, 8am – 11pm

<https://www.youtube.com/c/malaysiadayofprayer/mdop>

TRAC MW 46th Annual Conference

September 18 (*via Zoom*)

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

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2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>