

# 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**

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I will not forget you!  
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are ever before me.”

*Isaiah 49:15-16, NIV*

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

L: We are gathered to worship our God.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: We turn our hearts to You, for God said to all people, “I will be your God”.

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, “I will lead you in the paths of truth.”

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, “I will forgive you.”

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

L: God said, “My Kingdom is near.”

**P: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**In The Garden

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling

## How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

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## Hallelujah To The Lamb

Lord, I stand in the midst of a multitude  
Of those from every tribe and tongue  
We are Your people, redeemed by Your blood  
Purchased from death by Your love  
There are no words good enough to thank You  
There are no words to express my praise  
But I will lift up my voice and sing from my heart  
With all of my strength

*Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah to the Lamb  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
By the blood of Christ we stand  
Every tongue, every tribe  
Every people, every land  
Giving glory, giving honour  
Giving praise unto the Lamb of God*

Lord, we stand by grace in Your presence  
Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb  
We are Your children, called by Your name  
Humbly, we bow and we pray  
Release Your power to work in us and through us  
Till we are changed to be more like You  
Then all the nations will see, Your glory revealed  
And worship You

Every knee shall bow  
Every tongue confess  
That You are Lord of all

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for those all over the world who have lost loved ones and are unable to properly grieve and have closure due to travel restrictions.
2. Pray for our Malaysian government to be effective in steering our nation through this health and economic crisis. Pray for ruling and opposition parties to be able to cooperate in addressing important issues in our nation.
3. Pray for our church to be a Spirit-filled church that impacts all who interact with its members and those within its community.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would believe and live out the conviction that the Lord never forgets us, even when we sometimes forget Him.

## **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 41:1-14, 39-43

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

God Remembers

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God Remembers

Scripture Passage: Genesis 41:1-14, 39-43

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Joseph Forgotten
2. Joseph Remembered
3. Joseph Exalted

#### **1. JOSEPH FORGOTTEN**

- Joseph interpreted the dreams of the butler and the baker (Gen 40:12-18)
- Joseph requested the butler to remember him and to mention about him to Pharaoh (Gen 40:14)
- The butler forgot about him (Gen 40:23)
- Joseph was forgotten for 2 full years (Gen 41:1)
- Have you been forgotten?
- Feelings when you are forgotten
- **The Takeaway:**  
People may forget you, but God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15-16)

#### **GOD REMEMBERS**

#### **2. JOSEPH REMEMBERED**

- Difference between remember and forget
- Moments of Remembrance
- The Tide turned for Joseph – he was finally remembered by the cupbearer (Gen 41:9-13)
- Pharaoh's strangest dream revealed to Joseph (Gen 41:17-24a)
- Pharaoh's magicians were unable to interpret his troubled dreams (v24b)
- How do you want to be remembered?
- **The Takeaway:**
  - No matter what we are going through, calm or storm, God sees and remembers us
  - God does not suffer from memory lapses like we do

#### **GOD REMEMBERS**

#### **3. JOSEPH EXALTED**

- Joseph was exalted to Prime Minister of Egypt (Gen 41:39-41)
- Joseph was given power (Gen 41:44)
- People had to bow before him (Gen 41:43)
- The Path to Exaltation
- Humiliation is the key to Humility
- **The Takeaway:**
  - 1 Peter 5:6, Matthew 23:12

### **CONCLUSION:**

**Know:** God will not forget you in whatever circumstances you are in.

**Be:** The person God wants you to be remembered.

**Do:** Remember that God exalts those who humble themselves.

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. You may be going through various difficulties in your life and thinking that God has forgotten you. Do you bring yourself boldly before the Lord like what King David prayed in Psalm 13:1?
2. Think of a person whom you have not been in contact since the pandemic began. How about giving a call to this person to make him/her feel remembered?
3. How has God used the circumstances of your life to teach you to be humble?

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

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Pass me not, O gentle Saviour  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace

*Saviour, Saviour  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by*

Thou the Spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?

Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief  
Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## **Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	God Remembers (Genesis 41:1-14, 39-43)
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Alanis Yeoh
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Gary Lundquist
<b>Musician</b>	Dr Melvin Saw

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

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Joseph's Brothers: Reconvened (Genesis 42:3-8)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mrs Gerviene Sya
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh
<b>Musicians</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**

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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )
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### **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: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong Sungai Ara I – Dr Chang Chee Jia (fortnightly)
5.45pm	
8.00pm	
8:30pm	

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for countries around the world that are experiencing economic, social and political instability, and even the threat of war. Pray for God's mercy, justice and peace to come to all people. Pray for healing for those who are ill, and aid to reach those who are financially affected by Covid-19. Pray also, that governments and medical experts will find effective and practical ways to curb the infections.

### Nation

- Pray that God will grant our nation's leaders the wisdom to make the right decisions that will reduce the number of COVID-19 infections and deaths, with the need to reopen more economic sectors to tackle unemployment and financial loss. Pray that the MOU signed by the Federal Government and the opposition political parties will bring about political stability, reform and economic recovery.

### Church

- Pray that we will continue to reach out to one another and remain connected as God's children despite the fact that we are unable to meet physically. Pray that we will remember to uphold one another in prayer, and make time to connect with each other virtually. Pray also, that the conversations we have with one another will encourage and build one another up in the Lord.

### Self

- Pray that God will grant us the faith and willingness to relinquish control and yield to the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance, that we may be filled to overflowing with His grace and live our lives in surrender to Him. Pray that the Holy Spirit will keep us from anything that discredits the name of Jesus, guiding and leading us in the paths of righteousness.



# 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 26

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

## Coming up in October!

17 – MSF Sunday

24 – Social Concerns Sunday



## The Pre-Marriage Course 2021

Tonight, 8pm - 9pm

*Pre-course introduction and prayer*

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

7.30pm - 9.30pm

To register, go to

<http://penangtrinity.org/inperson>

## World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women's Day

October 18, 2pm (via Zoom)

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

## 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>.

## Refurbished devices for needy students

Handphones | tablets | computers

To donate, contact Jay Lee at 016-433 3251

## 2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

Our heartfelt condolences to Daniel Ong and family on the demise of his beloved mother, Mdm Teh Leng Hwa, who passed away on September 17. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

## Vacancies:

**TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers / Cleaner**  
Please call Mrs Teong at 04-8260724 or submit resume to [kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).