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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."



**But many who are first will be last,
and many who are last will be first.**

Matthew 19:30 NIV

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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

“Love the LORD, all His faithful people!
The LORD preserves those who are true to Him,
but the proud He pays back in full.
Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the LORD.”

Psalm 31:23-24, NIV

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

L: Happy are those whose way is blameless.

P: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

L: Happy are those who keep God's decrees.

P: Blessed are those who seek God with their whole heart.

L: We come to be Your people, O Lord, mindful of our human limitations.

P: May we truly become Your people today. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God, my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

I Exalt Thee

For Thou, oh Lord, art high
Above all the earth
Thou art exalted
Far above all gods (*repeat*)

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee, oh Lord (repeat)

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How Great Thou Art

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

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God And God Alone

One Church, one faith, one anthem raised
God and God alone
One cross, one grace, one name that saves
All praise to You belongs
All praise to You belongs

We lift You higher, higher
God and God alone
Your name be louder, louder
Than any other song
You are forever seated on Your throne
(You are forever God and God alone)

Who else can wash our sin away
God and God alone
Who else can raise us from the grave
All praise to You belongs
Jesus all praise to You belongs

(And) (Oh) what could separate us
From this amazing love
What could say it's greater than our God
Every knee will bow down

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for migrants and refugees all around the world, as many are stranded in foreign countries without being able to see their family back home.
2. Pray for the poor, the needy, and the vulnerable in Malaysia. Pray for God to preserve, protect, and provide for them.
3. Pray for our church to be made up of God's ambassadors of love and care to the people in Penang.
4. Pray for ourselves, that our hearts would be moved by what moves God's heart. Pray against hard-heartedness and self-absorption.

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 48:1-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Difference Between Right and Left

Rev Shearn Sya

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Difference Between Right and Left

Scripture Passage: Genesis 48:1-22

BIG IDEA: Despite our expectations, God works according to His good will.

Introduction

- The inheritance blessing.

1. The Adoption

- Joseph inherits Reuben's double portion.
- Ephraim and Manasseh's place in the Twelve Tribes of Israel.
- Jacob secures Joseph's lineage.
- Adoption affects identity and rights.

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

What is one thing you value from being adopted as God's child?

For Kids: What part do you like about God being your heavenly Father?

2. The Twist

- The significance of left hand and right hand.
- A continued pattern of younger brother over older brother.
- God's will vs. our expectations.

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

What are the times when you feel like God is unfair? Where do you think those feelings come from?

For Kids: What would you do if someone gave you ice cream that is not your favourite flavour?

3. The Future

- Ending Jacob and Joseph's story.
- Jacob prophesies by faith to accompany God's prior promises.
- The promises for tomorrow should affect how we live today.

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

What is one promise of God that influences how you behave? How so?

For Kids: If mommy and daddy promised to take you to an amusement park after they're open again on a Saturday, would you stay up late on Friday night? Why or why not?

Conclusion

Know: Despite our expectations, God works according to His good will.

Be: Confident in God's promises even when our expectations are not met.

Do: Live according to convictions that are based on God's promises.

SONG OF DEDICATION

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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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Difference Between Right and Left (Genesis 48:1-22)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mr Yee Eh Horng
Musician	Dr Melvin Saw

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Goh Yi Jane
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Musician	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 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 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)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Indigenous people around the world face discrimination and are often marginalised in their countries' legal systems, leaving them vulnerable to violence and abuse. Pray for the Aborigines in Australia, the Red Indians in the US and the indigenous people in other nations. Pray that God will raise up human rights organisations that will fight and help protect their rights to their land, culture and resources.

Nation

- COVID-19 hospital admissions in the Klang Valley and Sarawak increased over the past week, and children in the 0-11 age group were the second highest group in terms of COVID-19 cases. Pray for wisdom for the Ministry of Health as it ramps up surveillance on the situation. Pray that the public will also do their part, and respect all SOPs, especially when travelling interstate to their home towns.

Church

- Pray that God will calm our anxieties and remind us that we have a different identity in Christ – one of boldness and not of fear. Pray that we will be a calming presence and radiant light in the face of hopelessness, confusion and darkness. Pray too, that we will grow in being distinct from the world in love and holiness, and be people of compassion who intentionally reach out to others.

Self

- Pray that we will be filled with all wisdom and spiritual understanding in the knowledge of His will for us. Pray that our faith will increase and that our lives will be worthy of our calling, being fruitful in every good work. Pray too, that we will be strengthened with all power, in patience, and longsuffering with joy, according to His glorious power.

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 – October 31

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

Communion Offering for November 2021 will go to Lighthouse Kapit, Sarawak.

Coming up in November!

13 – MW AGM

27 – 6th LCEC Meeting

MW AGM

November 13, 10am (via Zoom)

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

2021 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/TMCBible2021>

Sale of Handmade Products

by members with intellectual disabilities from Asia Community Services



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