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Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

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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

***Personal Growth, Building Community,
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

“But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.”

1 Samuel 12:24, NIV

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

L: As we give thanks for all the blessings which come from Your hand, O God, we remember Your people who daily struggle to attain basic needs. We pray for those who live as people without land, shelter, food or companionship, and for those who live and serve in areas torn by war and conflict. Give us the will and the courage to see Your justice and mercy, that all people may share in Your abundance.

P: *With grateful hearts, we thank You, Lord.*

L: Above all, we give You thanks for Your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of His Word and the example of His life; for His steadfast obedience, by which He overcame temptation; for His dying, through which He overcame death; and for His rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of Your kingdom. Grant us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make Him known; and through Him, at all times and in all places, we may give thanks to You in all things.

P: *With grateful hearts, we thank You, Lord.*

L: O loving and generous God, You open Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature: multiply the harvests of the world and let Your Spirit renew the face of the earth, so that our land may give her increase, and Your people everywhere may give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: *With grateful hearts, we thank You, Lord. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising	'Cause when we see You
Eyes are turning to You	We find strength
We turn to You	To face the day
Hope is stirring	In Your presence
Hearts are yearning for You	All our fears are
We long for You	Washed away (Washed away)

*Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna, Hosanna

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Hosanna (Be Lifted Higher)

Hosanna in the highest
Let our King be lifted up, Hosanna

Let our King be lifted up
Let our King be lifted up
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna

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It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse, it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly, I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son Who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son Who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross (repeat)

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world, that the current conflict between Ukraine and Russia would be resolved peaceably. Pray against loss of life, and particularly against innocent casualties. Pray against tensions escalating towards further violence.
2. Pray for Malaysia and the Johor state elections being held in two weeks' time. Pray for preparations leading up to the elections to be fair and safe, and that the people of Johor would be discerning, and that deceptive or dirty campaigning tactics would be thwarted and rendered ineffective.
3. Pray for the congregation of Penang Trinity as we approach the Lent Season. Pray that the church would use this opportunity to be intentional about drawing closer to the Lord in personal holiness.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be faithful to God's calling in every season of our lives. Pray that how we live now would build a God-honouring legacy that we would leave.

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

1 Samuel 12:1-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Finishing Well

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Finishing Well

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 12:1-25

INTRODUCTION

1. Give Your Best Like Samuel.
2. Pray like Samuel.
3. Consider the Great Things God Had Done Like Samuel.

1. GIVE YOUR BEST LIKE SAMUEL

- About Takers and Givers.
- Samuel's Warning from God about having a king. (Samuel 8:10-18)
- Samuel is a giver not a taker. (1 Samuel 12:2)
- The Israelites were takers most of the time – did not give their best to God.
- **The Takeaway** – God is the **Master of Finishing**. He first gave His only Son to finish the redemptive work on the cross.

2. PRAY LIKE SAMUEL

- Samuel was born of a praying mother.
- Samuel considered it a sin not to pray for God's people. (1 Samuel 12:23)
- Samuel prayed for thunder and rain to get the people's attention. (1 Samuel 12:18)
- **The Takeaway** - The secret of finishing well is having a closer relationship with God through conversation with God because we need His help to **finish well**.

3. CONSIDER THE GREAT THINGS GOD HAD DONE LIKE SAMUEL

- What are the things to consider from the Bible?
 - the lilies, (Matt. 6:28); the ravens (Luke 12:24); the ant (Prov. 6:6)
- Samuel reminded the Israelites of the great things God had done
 - 1 Samuel 12:6-11
- The Israelites were not committed to serve God - 1 Samuel 12:12-15
- Samuel reminded the people what great things God has done for them, and he repeats his warning about the consequences for disobedience (1 Samuel 12:24-25)
- **The Takeaway:** Count your blessings and be thankful. Honour the Lord and serve Him with all your heart to **finish well**.

CONCLUSION:

Know: God gave you His best. **Start well** by giving your best to God, not a half-hearted one in whatever you do to serve Him.

Be: A person who prays like Samuel and raise up more "Samuels".

Do: Serve and Fear the Lord and Consider the Great Things God has done in your lives and **finish well**.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Are you giving God the best? Are you striving to give Him the first? And does your giving cost you something?

For Kids:

Wherever you are and in whatever you do, how do you give your best to God?

2. How can you provide an environment for your children to learn to **pray** from young?

For Kids:

*How can you find opportunities to **pray** for someone in the home or outside the home?*

3. When was the last time you really pause and **considered what great things** God has done for you?

For Kids:

*How do you **fear (honour) God** in your school and at home?*

SONG OF DEDICATION

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gates that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

*O come, to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Finishing Well (1 Samuel 12:1-25)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Musicians	Ms Amelia Loo, Ms Joyce Goh Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Mr David Law
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Sharon Wong Mrs Ch'ng Jay Lee

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh
Reader	Mr Yee Eh Horng
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin, Mr Chuah Chang En
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Visual	Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Mr Mak Ngai Leong Ms Vivian Lim Mrs Maggie Mak Mrs Sally Loh Ms Emmy Chia

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

MONDAY

8.00pm	Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network (LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong
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TUESDAY

8.00pm	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 – http://bit.ly/tmcprayer
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 – Ooi Lay Chen Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2 nd & 4 th)
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SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group Small Groups: Young Families – Tairven Lee Young Families 2 – James Hii
5.45pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.00pm	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)
8:30pm	

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for Ukraine and Russia, for God's protection upon people on both sides of the border. Pray for God's intervention and wisdom upon their leaders, as well as the world's leaders, to discuss and agree on ways to maintain peace, safety and security in the surrounding areas. Pray also, for greater opportunities to hear the gospel, bringing God's love, peace and hope to all mankind.

Nation

- Pray for Sabah as the number of daily Covid-19 cases there have surpassed the 5,000-mark. Pray also, for the upcoming state election in Johor that could trigger GE15. Pray for honest, selfless and wise candidates to be voted in, and for peace and stability to reign. Pray too, that the voters will vote wisely and adhere strictly to the SOPs in place to avoid another spike in Covid19 cases.

Church

- Pray that our church will continue to grow and move forward as a praying church. Pray that each and every one of us will grow both in our personal prayer as well as in corporate prayer. Pray that we will remind ourselves of the importance of coming together as a body of Christ and making time for corporate prayers. Pray too, that we will not neglect our quiet time in times of busyness.

Self

- Pray that we will seek to live holy lives and be aware of the Holy Spirit's presence so that we may learn to distinguish the various temptations that come our way and remind ourselves that God is faithful, and will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear. Pray too, that we will always look to God for strength so that we may endure during times of temptation.

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, please inform Angeline Choo.
- Floral Gifts: Please contact the church office or email office@penangtrinity.org.
- 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 – February 27

Communion Offering for February 2022 will go to Malaysian Care.

Communion Offering for March 2022 will go to TRAC MW Fund for the poor and needy.

Coming up in March

02 – Ash Wednesday

06 – Budget Presentation

19 – 2nd LCEC Meeting

27 – MW Sunday



2022 Lent Meditations

may be purchased from the church office or at the reception area. Price: RM7/copy.

Prayer Request Form - <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>. All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

The Marriage Course (Remake) via Zoom
7 weekly sessions commencing Feb 27, 7:30pm.
(Introductory Session – Feb 20, 7:30pm)

This course offers essential tools and practical ideas for married couples to build a relationship that lasts a lifetime. The course is based on Christian principles for couples with or without a church background. To register, WhatsApp both names, mobile numbers and email addresses to Lim Lai Keat at 019-4231749.

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

If you are planning to attend In-Person worship, please observe the following:

- ❖ Service will start promptly at 10am. Please be punctual to allocate time for check-in.
- ❖ Kindly refrain from attending if you are a close contact or have tested positive for Covid-19.
- ❖ If you experience symptoms or suspect that you have been infected, please perform a self-test.
- ❖ If you require assistance, please channel requests via the church office. All calls are confidential.
- ❖ Please ensure that you have your account ready for In-Person booking. Book / Create your login via <https://penangtrinity.org/register>.