



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 20, 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."

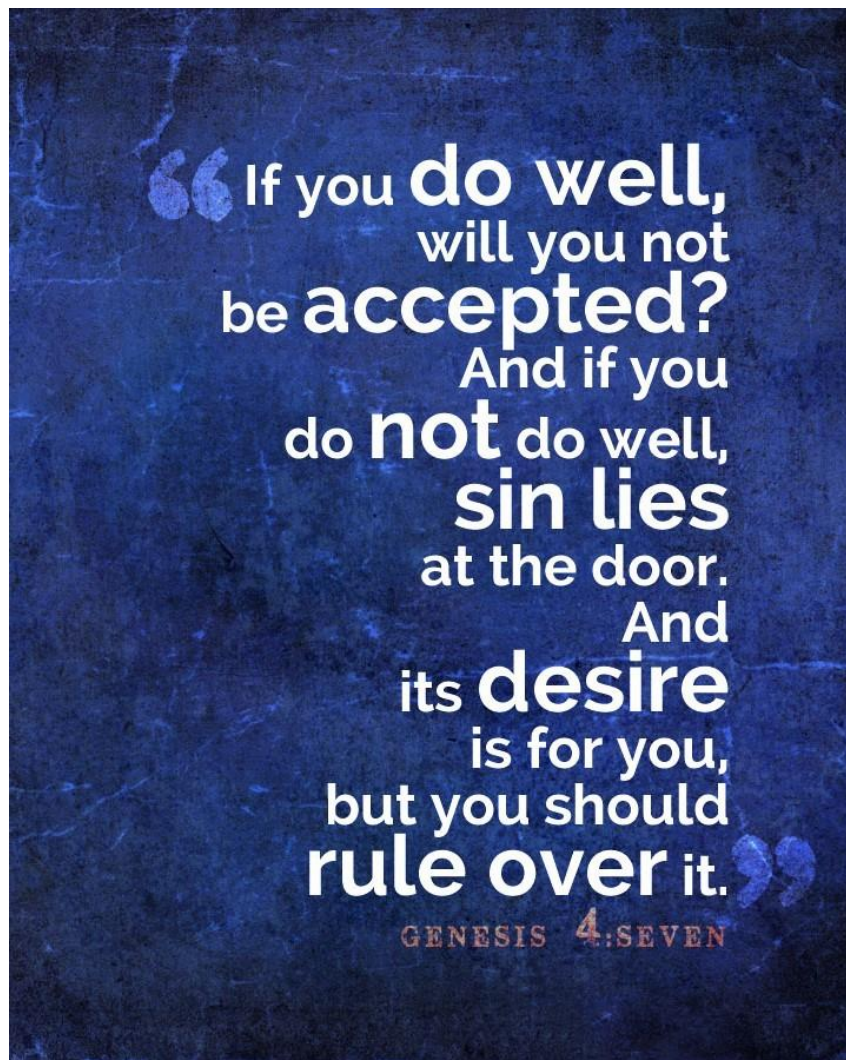


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Our Vision

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

“Observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to Him, and keep His decrees and commands, His laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.” *1 Kings 2:3, NIV*

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

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

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

L: God has commanded that His precepts be kept diligently.

P: *May we be faithful in keeping all His statutes.*

L: If we obey His commands, we will not be put to shame.

P: *Let us praise God with an upright heart. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

SONG OF PRAYER

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O, for grace to trust Him more*

O, how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for vaccination rates to increase all around the world, so that less might perish with the current rise of global Covid cases.
2. Pray for Malaysia and the new Johor leadership, led by Datuk Onn Hafiz. Pray for them to run the state well, that no people groups would be neglected in being cared for and developed.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a faithful church. Pray for our leaders to persevere in faithfulness throughout the successes and failures.
4. Pray for ourselves to be well grounded in spiritual disciplines that help us to remain faithful to God.

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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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.

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

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)

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 14:47-48, 1 Samuel 15:17-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Downfall of Saul as Leader

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Downfall of Saul as Leader

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 14:47-48, 1 Samuel 15:17-30

BIG IDEA: Trust and obedience to God are vital to spiritual leadership.

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 15:22b (NIV)

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?"

Introduction

- Saul was instructed to completely destroy the Amalekites (1 Sam 15:1-3)
- But Saul gave in to the demands of his soldiers and kept the best of the animals (1 Sam 15:9, 24)
- God rejects Saul as king (1 Sam 15:11)

A spiritual leader's downfall comes through:

1. Complacent Success

Nothing fails like success.

- Saul had a successful military track record (1 Sam 14:47-48)
- Success creates its own agenda
- A 'success' agenda can replace God's agenda (1 Sam 15:11)

2. Careless Disobedience

Partial obedience is still disobedience.

- Saul's partial obedience arose from his need for a success agenda (arrogance) and fears that his men will leave him (weakness) (1 Sam 15:9, 24)
- Success cannot cover up moral failure
- Disobedience cannot be compensated by 'good works' (1 Sam 15:21-23)

3. Critical Failure

'Small' failures build up to critical failure.

- Progressive disobedience leads to critical failure as a spiritual leader
- Saul was obsessed and preoccupied with his status as king instead of being focused on his relationship with God (1 Sam 15:11, 23)
- Practice spiritual disciplines to cultivate intimacy with God

Conclusion

Know: Inattention to God's commands can lead to leadership failure.

Be: Obedient to God in every aspect of life.

Do: Practice spiritual disciplines consistently to lead faithfully.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How do you define “success” in life? How would God define success in your life?

For Kids:

What are some of things you think God wants to you succeed in?

2. How can we become “careless” in our obedience to God?

For Kids:

Why does God want us to follow His instructions completely?

3. What are the spiritual disciplines and circuit-breakers in our life that help prevent critical failures in leadership?

For Kids:

Why is it important to find and stop mistakes earlier rather than later?

SONG OF DEDICATION

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go
My daily labour to pursue
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak, or do

Thee, may I set at my right hand
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see
And labour on at Thy command
And offer all my works to Thee

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O, let me cheerfully fulfil
In all my works, Thy presence find
And prove Thy good and perfect will

For Thee delightfully employ
Whatever Thy bounteous grace hath given
And run my course with even joy
And closely walk with Thee to heaven

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon	The Downfall of Saul as Leader
Title/Text	(1 Samuel 14:47-48, 1 Samuel 15:17-30)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon
Reader	Mrs Wong Lee Wah
Musician	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Teh Seong Hong
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Dr Ho Seng Hooi Ms Tan Yu Ai Mr Tony Teh Mr Khoo Boo Thye

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Come, Take My Yoke and Learn from Me (Isaiah 40: 28-32, Matthew 11: 25-30)
Preacher	Bishop Joshua Khong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mrs Rosalind Khoo
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen
Ushers	Ms Sharon Wong Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mr Oon Chee Soon Mrs Cheah Kai Choo

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
	Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
3.30pm	Boys' Brigade (Seniors)

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

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 regions in Ethiopia which have been experiencing severe drought. Many Ethiopians rely on rearing sheep, cattle and other animals for their livelihood, and water shortages have led to the loss of livestock. Pray also, for God's protection upon children suffering from malnourishment or illnesses caused by contaminated water. Pray that timely aid will reach the affected areas.

Nation

- Pray that the public will adapt and follow the refined SOPs in the "Transition to Endemic" phase from April 1, 2022, which will include guidelines and instructions for reopening the country's border to foreign travel, religious activities, and commercial operating times. Pray also, that the Federal Territories Minister and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will find the best solution to resolve the recent flash floods.

Church

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to strengthen our burden, commitment and endurance to strive after holiness and Christ-likeness in our daily lives. Pray that He will help us to remember that we're on mission in our communities, whether we're at school, in the grocery store or at work. Pray for eyes to see the needs of our communities, and hearts and hands that are ready to meet them.

Self

- Pray for a persevering spirit; to not give up and to serve God faithfully in prayer, studying His Word, and worshipping Him daily in spite of pressing circumstances. Pray for courage to always do the right thing in the midst of opposition, to make wise decisions and not compromise on our values and biblical principles, and to share Christ's love when opportunities arises.

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 – March 20

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

Coming up in March

27 – MW Sunday



Sundays, 3pm

For more information or to register, contact Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

Pray for Malaysia

March 20, 8pm – 9pm (TONIGHT)

To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>

Prayer Request Form - <https://bit.ly/tmcprayerform>.

All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

Covid Care Form

<http://bit.ly/tmcpvcovidcare>

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>.