

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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MW Sunday

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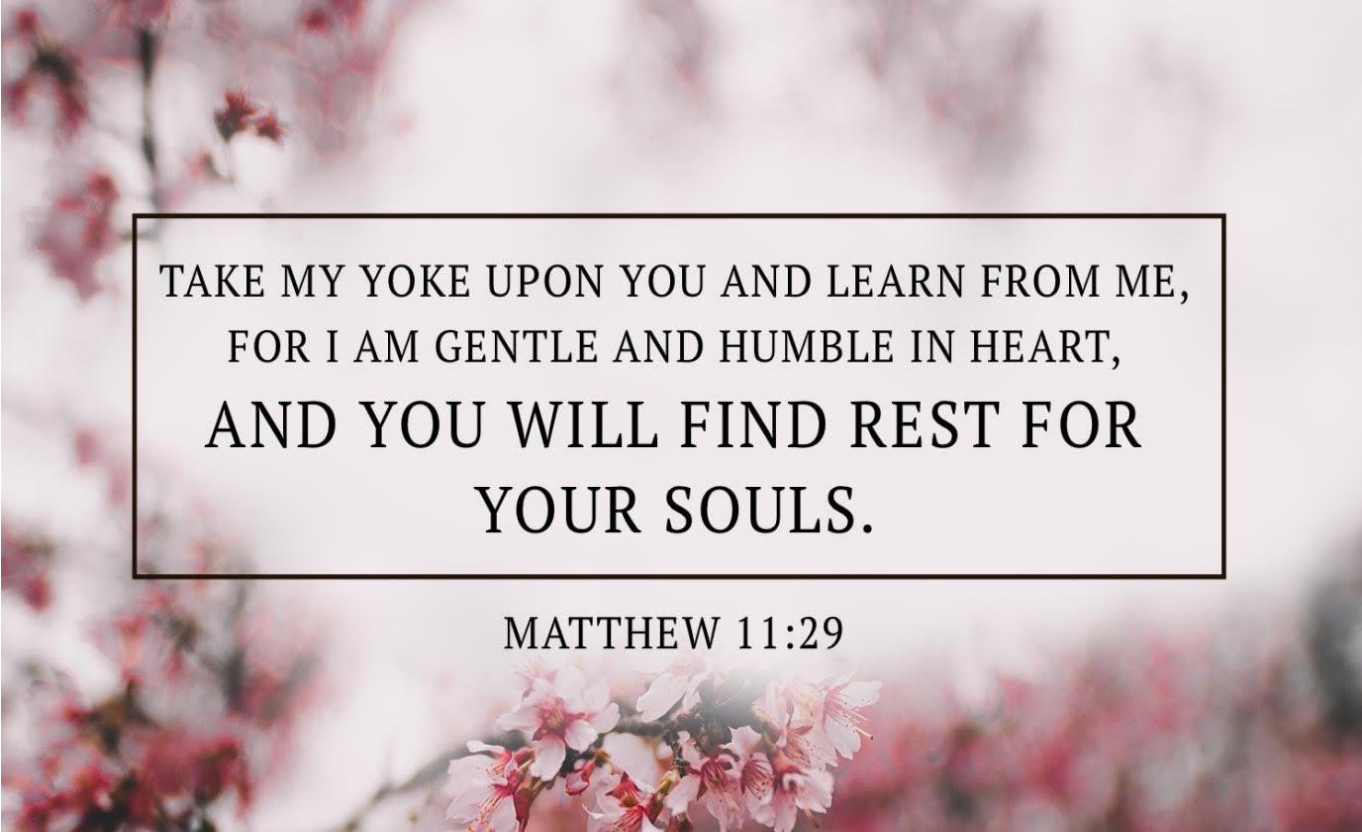
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**"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.**

**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."**



TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME,  
FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART,  
AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR  
YOUR SOULS.

MATTHEW 11:29

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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**

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Honour her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

*Proverbs 31:30-31, NIV*

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

L: Come, let us praise God together,

**P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let us tell stories of God’s power and majesty, His mighty acts throughout history.

**P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

L: Let us remember the compassion He has shown toward us; the mercy and unfailing love we have experienced, generation after generation.

**P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Everlasting God

Strength will rise  
As we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord *(repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong Deliverer

*You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint you won’t grow weary  
You’re the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

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Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle  
You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain  
You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow  
Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now

*For I am safe with You  
So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night  
O God, the battle belongs to You*

And if You are for me  
Who can be against me  
For Jesus, there's nothing  
Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes  
You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross  
God, You see the empty tomb

(An) Almighty Fortress, You go before us  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows  
You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God

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### Beneath The Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonour  
The ones that You have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in His footsteps  
Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us  
To be His perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
We will gladly live our lives

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for women all around the world to be protected, empowered, and disciplined as they reflect the image of God in their lives and relationships.
2. Pray for our Malaysian schools that have opened for 2.7 million students to attend classes in-person. Pray for SOPs to be managed well so that Malaysian youth would receive quality educational and social development.
3. Pray for our church's Methodist Women to have God's wisdom, courage, and strength as they navigate the challenges of ministering in the midst of the new normal.
4. Pray for the women in our lives to receive God's spiritual blessings. Pray that they might be a channel of those blessings to those around them.

## **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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## **METHODIST WOMEN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

### **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**

Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 11:25-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Come, Take My Yoke and Learn from Me

Bishop Joshua Khong

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Come, Take My Yoke and Learn from Me

Scripture Passage: Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 11:25-30

### **Introduction**

MW's theme is Soaring with God. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."(Isaiah 40:31). We praise God for the faithful sisters, God has nurtured and raised-up in our Church in Methodist Church Malaysia.

Lent is observed over a 40-day journey begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. Luke recorded in his account of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness...

Luke wrote, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Luke 4: 1)...and he ended his account of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside." (Luke 4: 14)

Lent is a time for renewal. As we read God's Word, bow in prayers, fast and spend time in God's loving presence...we are renewed and strengthen in Christ. Today we reflect upon Matthew 11: 25-30, as we identify with Christ who invites us to take His yoke and learn from Him.

### **1. Come to Me, take My yoke**

- a special invitation, a divine invitation
- the yoke is a tool for work
- Jesus invites us to come and join Him in Kingdom work
- we join Kingdom work not as slaves, but as sons & daughters, God's children
- it is a personal invitation, there is room for one

### **2. Come to Me, learn from Me**

- walking in step with Jesus
- side by side with Him: same vision, same view
- true rest is in Kingdom work, within God's will & purpose for us

### **3. Kingdom work: Burden or Vision?**

- Jesus did not go round looking for burden bearers
- Jesus casts vision of God's Kingdom
- Jesus invites and engages His listeners to join Him in God's Kingdom work

### **Application**

- a) Jesus invites us to join Him. Are you ready? Are you willing?
- b) Jesus offers true rest. True rest is anchored in the will and purpose of God our Father.
- c) Jesus' vision of God's Kingdom. Do you see yourself going about the Father's business as Jesus did?

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. In the Methodist Church we observe Lent.
  - What does the season of Lent mean to you?
  - What do you do during Lent?
  - Would you teach your children to observe Lent? Why or why not?
  - How would you go about it?
2. Are there area(s) in your life, you feel that you want to be more in-step with Jesus?
3. Growing more in-step with Jesus?
  - What are your action plans?
  - How would being in-step with Jesus impact your family and the church?
4. Jesus calls and casts the vision for God's Kingdom, and He invites us to participate.
  - Do you identify more as a burden bearer or a visionary for God's Kingdom work?
  - How would you inspire and influence others engaging in God's Kingdom work as vision owners? Please discuss and share.
  - What is your vision for your family, the next generation and your church?
5. As TMC Penang celebrates MW's rich legacy of the work and ministry, let us give thanks for faithful sisters in our church. Share the impact and influence they have:
  - for you personally
  - in the church/community

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Come, Take My Yoke and Learn from Me (Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 11:25-30)
<b>Preacher</b>	Bishop Joshua Khong
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Rosalind Khoo
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr Melvin Saw, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
<b>Sound</b>	Ms Roshni George
<b>Livestream</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Sharon Wong Mrs Mary Wolf Mr Oon Chee Soon Mrs Cheah Kai Choo

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Livestream</b>	Mr David Law
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Tan Yu Ai
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh Mr Mak Ngai Leong Ms Vivian Lim

## 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)
	Church Office Staff Meeting

### **THURSDAY**

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting – <a href="http://bit.ly/tmcprayer">http://bit.ly/tmcprayer</a>
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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )
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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 China as it battles against the recent surge of Covid-19 infections, which has resulted in lockdowns and business closures in various cities. Pray that the shutdown of businesses will not disrupt the delivery of essential supplies. Pray for adequate medical facilities and effective vaccination dispersal, especially for the elderly. Pray also, for God's protection and mercy to be upon the people.

### Nation

- Pray for God's protection over the staff, teachers and all students who have physically returned to schools this past week. Pray that the school and local health authorities will work together to put in place all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of all. Pray also, for good communication and collaboration between schools and families so that children can learn in a safe environment.

### Church

- Pray for all our worship enablers to have a closer walk with God, and for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance to be upon them in their weekly preparations. Pray also, that each one of us will answer the call to serve in the various ministries of our church. Pray that we will serve Him faithfully, not with our own strength, but out of the strength and anointing that comes from God.

### Self

- Pray that God will root selfishness and self-centeredness out of our hearts, and change our desires, wherever they fail to line up with His. Pray that He will conform us to the image of Christ, and teach us to consider the needs of others as more important than our own. Pray too, that our words be wise, timely, and true — always spoken in love and seasoned with grace.



## 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](mailto: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 27

We thank Bishop Joshua Khong for bringing God’s Word to us this morning.

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

Communion Offering for April 2022 will go to Asia Community Services.

### Coming up in April

10 – Palm Sunday

14 – Maundy Thursday

15 – Good Friday

17 – Easter Sunday



**THE  
ALPHA  
COURSE**

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>

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

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

### Covid Care Form

<http://bit.ly/tmcpccovidcare>

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>.