

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

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

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

John 15:4, NIV

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

L: We come to worship and praise our loving God.

P: We rejoice in God’s tender mercy towards us.

L: We come to worship and honour our merciful God.

P: We rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.

L: We come to worship and revere our glorious God.

P: Who empowers and enriches the lives of His people. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

My Saviour Lives

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Everyone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

*I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Saviour, my Saviour lives
Every day, a brand new chance to say
Jesus, You are the only way
My Saviour, my Saviour lives*

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

My Saviour lives (*repeat*)

Victor's Crown

You are always fighting for us
Heaven's angels all around
My delight is found in knowing
That You wear the victor's crown
You're my help and my defender
You're my Saviour and my friend
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

At the mention of Your greatness
In Your Name I will bow down
In Your Presence fear is silent
For You wear the victor's crown
Let Your glory fill this temple
Let Your power overflow
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

*Hallelujah, You have overcome
You have overcome
Hallelujah, Jesus You have overcome the world*

You are ever interceding
As the lost become the found
You can never be defeated
For You wear the victor's crown
You are Jesus the Messiah
You're the Hope of all the world
By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You

Every high thing must come down
Every stronghold shall be broken
You wear the victor's crown
You overcome, You overcome

At the cross the work was finished
You were buried in the ground
But the grave could not contain You
For You wear the victor's crown

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Ukraine as assaults continue on their Eastern front. Pray for those who have been injured, especially civilians, to be able to find adequate medical care. Pray for the Ukrainian church to be a beacon of God's love and hope during this time.
2. Pray for Malaysia's refugees to be protected from unjust treatment and other abuses. Pray for respect for human dignity and aid contributions to transcend national or racial lines.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to not lose focus and remain faithful to the work of disciple-making amidst all the challenges it might face.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have a spirit of courage and boldness that comes not from confidence in ourselves, but in the Lord whom we follow.

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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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 16:14-23, 17:40-47

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Power of a God-Centred Life

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Power of a God-Centred Life

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 16:14-23, 17:40-47

BIG IDEA: God works powerfully through a person of faith.

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 17:47a (NIV)

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's.

Introduction

- David was anointed to be the king to replace Saul because he was a man after God's heart. (1 Samuel 13:14)
- God's Spirit began to work powerfully in David's life. (1 Samuel 16:13)

David's life shows us the power of:

1. God-Directed Praise

Praise is an expression of life with God

- A life of praise is an encounter with God and anticipates God's further action in the life of the worshipper.
- Praise is practising life with God as individuals and as a community of faith.
- David's life of praise was in 'real-time', realistic and calls for a response.

2. God-Centred Perspective

Seeing with the eyes of faith

- Where others saw a fearsome giant, David saw a defeated enemy. (1 Sam 17:23-24; 34-37)
- God-centred perspective sees how God can work.
- God-centred perspective prophetically sees the beyond the present reality to God's vision for the future. (e.g. Eze 37:1-14)

3. God-Given Prevailing Victory

God wins in the end

- God often works through people of faith to bring deliverance.
- David fought Goliath according to how God had prepared him. (1 Sam 17:34-37)
- But it was the LORD who brought the victory because the battle was His. (1 Sam 17:45, 47)
- Jesus Christ achieved God's ultimate victory over evil through the cross and resurrection. (Colossians 2:13-15, 1 Cor 15: 20-21, 54-57)

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Is worship and praise an integral part of your life or just part of a routine? What is the difference?

For Kids:

Why is worshipping and praising God so important for us?

2. What do we see in our lives today? In what ways might God want us to see things differently?

For Kids:

Why is it important to see things from God's view?

3. What is the one key battle in your life right now? Would you trust and obey God in all that God is about to do for you?

For Kids:

Would you bring to God now one area of your life that troubles you or makes you afraid?

SONG OF DEDICATION

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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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The Power of a God-Centred Life (1 Samuel 16:14-23, 17:40-47)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn
Reader	Ms Sally Koay
Musicians	Ms Amelia Loo, Mrs Nicoline Koay, Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Jason Tham
Livestream	Mr David Law
Visual	Ms Kaitlyn Fletcher, Mr Koay Choong Khai
Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Mr Tony Teh

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har
Musician	Dr Melvin Saw
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Visual	Ms Emmy Chia, Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Ms Vivian Lim Dr Ho Seng Hooi Ms Sally Koay Mr Oon Chee Soon

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 the Philippines, which was hit by the tropical storm Megi, which caused massive flooding and landslides. Pray also for South Africa, which experienced heavy rains and floods. Pray for stable weather and clear skies in the rescue and search efforts. Pray too, for God's healing and comfort upon the injured, safe shelter for those who have lost their homes, and timely distribution of basic necessities.

Nation

- Pray for financial stability and progression, as well as clear, fair and wise economic policies to boost our nation's economy. Pray against any racial politics and potential fragmentation that would lead to disunity and disharmony in the country. Pray also, that the deferred anti-hopping laws will be tabled in Parliament, and only politicians of integrity and altruism will help our nation.

Church

- Pray that we, as a church, will rise up and fulfil God's command to love one another. Pray that He will transform our hearts and increase our capacity to love one another unconditionally, especially those who are difficult to love, or are of a different faith. Pray that we will be more intentional and attentive in serving others, as Christ demonstrated through His life here on earth and through His ultimate sacrifice.

Self

- Pray that each one of us will have a fresh and personal encounter with our Risen Lord, and live lives that are worthy of all that Christ has done for us. Pray for a transformation to happen in our lives so that we may become more and more like Him. Pray too, that we will be able to bring forth the hope that we have in Christ to the people we meet daily.

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: From Angela Khong in Thanksgiving.
- 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 – April 24

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

Communion Offering for May 2022 will go to Charis Hospice.

Coming up in May

08 – Mother's Day

28 – 3rd LCEC Meeting

TRAC Survey

Discipleship of the Home

<https://linktr.ee/penangtrinity>

Closing date: *TODAY*



Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

The MSF will hold a talk on "Bathroom Safety" on May 7 (Saturday), 3pm at GYM. This is an in-person meeting and the talk will be given by Mr Pong Kai See, immediate past President of *Plastic and Rubber Institute Malaysia*. All are welcome.

Covid Care Form

<http://bit.ly/tmcpccovidcare>

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>.