

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

“Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in Him and He will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.”

Psalm 37:5-6, NIV

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

L: Though the earth trembles, and mountains slide into the sea;

P: *The God of hosts is with us, we will not fear.*

L: Even if nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall;

P: *God's voice resounds, and the earth melts away.*

L: Yahweh is with us, the God of Israel is our stronghold.

P: *The Most High is with us, our refuge and our strength. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity

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He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Sri Lanka's economic and political crisis. Pray that the new government formed will be able to work together to bring stability to the nation.
2. Pray for Malaysia's doctors in training. Pray against unhealthy and unjust conditions.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's Experiencing God course starting next week. Pray that those attending would have their hearts open and ready to experience God afresh.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would trust the Lord and not get in His way of carrying out all His purposes in us and through us.

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.

O Word of God incarnate
O Wisdom from on high
O Truth unchanged, unchanging
O Light of our dark sky
We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page
A lantern to our footsteps
Shines on from age to age

The Scripture is a banner
Before God's host unfurled
It is a shining beacon
Above the darkling world
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging tide
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
To you, O Christ, will guide

O make your church, dear Saviour
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old
O teach your wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended
They see you face to face

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 26:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Tables are Turned

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Tables are Turned

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 26:1-12

BIG IDEA: If God has chosen you, trust that He will surely fulfill His plans for you and through you.

Forward

David spares Saul a second time, lesson learnt from Abigail on Nabal.

Fugitive

Betrayed by the Ziphites, Saul hunted for David.

Fearless!

David approached Saul and his soldiers! Saul at his mercy but David withheld his hand from striking Saul.

Fortune?

God had delivered but David would not strike God's anointed.

Forbearance borne out of Fear?

David realized "Who can lay a hand... and be guiltless?" Saul failed to see beyond himself to the office God had anointed him into, but David saw beyond Saul to the office he was anointed into.

Faith

"the Lord Himself will strike him; either his time will come, and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish".

Favour from Saul?

"... get the spear and water jug... let's go!" Spear takes life (& symbol of kingship), water jug preserves life and David had both!

Favour from God?

"As surely as I valued your life today, so may the Lord value my life and deliver me from all trouble."

Flaw?

But David thought to himself... So he left... to the land of the Philistines.

Know that God can and will bring all His purposes to pass.

Be strong and of good faith even when things appear bleak.

Do trust Him fully to work things out in His way, and His time.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

SONG OF DEDICATION

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay
Mould me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Saviour today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Tables are Turned (1 Samuel 26:1-12)
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen
Sound	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Ms Emmy Chia
Ushers	Ms Sally Koay Ms Vivian Lim Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Tan Yu Ai

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	In the Power of the Spirit (Zechariah 4:1-14)
Preacher	Mr Asiri Fernando
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Nancy Empawi Ms Shereena Yoon
Reader	Mr Charles Teh
Musicians	Ms Joyce Goh, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong
Livestream	Mr David Law
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim Ms Sharon Wong Ms Emmy Chia 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

TUESDAY

- 8.00pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00am Wednesday Small Group –
Tan Saw Lee (1st & 3rd 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 (2nd & 4th)

SATURDAY

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Continue to pray for God's mercy and divine intervention to end all invasions and attacks on Ukraine so that the people can return to rebuild their homes and start anew. Pray for peace and justice to prevail, and for the nation's leaders, army and the people to have the courage to do what is right in His eyes. Pray also, for healing and reconciliation between the two countries.

Nation

- Pray for our nation's leaders. Pray that God will surround them with godly counsel and grant them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. Pray that they will stand courageously in the face of evil, resisting temptations of power, corruption, flattery and bribery, instead upholding righteousness and justice. Pray too, that they will come to know God and His will, serving Him and the people.

Church

- Pray that we, as a church, will be bound together in Christ. As the government continues to ease on the SOPs, pray that family units will return to church to worship God together. Pray that the parents will be able to point their children to Christ, and raise them according to God's will, drawing strength from the Lord as they continue to care for and nurture their families.

Self

- Thank God for His grace and mercy, and for His faithfulness and provision for our daily needs. Pray that He will grant us wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of His providence, especially in light of rising costs in many areas, such as food, transportation and healthcare. Pray also, that He will enable us to recognize and be a blessing to those in need.

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 – May 15

Communion Offering for May 2022 will go to Charis Hospice.

Coming up in May

28 – 3rd LCEC Meeting

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

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>

Experiencing God (*ONLINE*)

Begins May 17, 8pm

Methodist Prayer Convention (*HYBRID*)

May 20-22

“Renewed through Prayer”

For more information, go to

<http://mpc.smced.org>.

CHURCH
WIDE
SURVEY

