

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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7th Sunday of Easter

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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

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

James 1:12, NIV

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

L: The Lord does not forsake us in our times of trial.

P: *Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.*

L: Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

P: *God's protection will follow us throughout our days.*

L: Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

All: *“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God in Whom we trust.” Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Segala Puji Syukur

Segala puji syukur hanya bagi-Mu Tuhan
Sebab Kau yang layak dipuja
Kami mau bersorak tinggikan Nama-Mu
Haleluya

Soraklah Haleluya
Soraklah Haleluya
Haleluya

God Is Good All The Time

*God is good all the time
He put a song of praise
In this heart of mine
God is good all the time
Through the darkest night
His light will shine
God is good, God is good
All the time*

If you're walkin' through the valley
And there are shadows all around
Do not fear, He will guide you
He will keep you safe and sound
'Cause He has promised to never leave you
Nor forsake you and His Word is true

We were sinners so unworthy
Still for us He chose to die
Filled us with His Holy Spirit
Now we can stand and testify
That His love is everlasting
And His mercies they will never end

Though I may not understand
All the plans You have for me
My life is in Your hands
And through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord

That is who You are *(repeat)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world in the wake of a recent school shooting in Texas that killed 21. Pray for victims and families of those who suffer from acts of senseless violence all around the world.
2. Pray for Malaysia amidst rising food prices and other inflation. Pray for good governance of the resources of our land.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity's Church School and Boys' Brigade as they prepare to resume in-person activities.
4. Pray for ourselves, that our response to hardship would be to seek the Lord's will and purposes.

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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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 27:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living in Enemy Territory

Mr Tan Chong Jin

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Living in Enemy Territory

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 27:1-12

BIG IDEA: Adjusting to God's Plan in Distressing Times

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 12:1a (NIV)

But David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines."

Introduction

- David was driven into Philistine land (1 Samuel 27:1)
- David had to work out how to survive and adapt in enemy territory
- This was a tense and uncertain period in David's life

Adapting in uncertain times:

1. Deciding under Duress

Finding God's Heart

- Despite his flaws and sins, David was considered a man after God's heart (1 Kings 15:3-5)
- David's identity as anointed future king and his relationship with God allowed him to adapt under hostile circumstances (though this does not necessarily mean everything David did was right)
- We must make decisions that are aligned with our identity in Christ and relationship with God.

2. Clarity of Calling

Finding God's Purpose

- David's sense of calling helped him adapt and survive while taking the fight to Israel's enemies
- Fighting enemy tribes was the reality of Israel's national life at that time
- Our calling is now in Christ and on His finished work on the cross (leading to grace and forgiveness to all who believe)
- We need to be clear on our calling to be Christ-like in the way we handle difficult and uncertain conditions

3. Forging the Future

Finding God's Will

- Through uncertain times and hostile circumstances, God was providentially shaping David to be Israel's King
- God is shaping our future
- God shapes us for His future (New Creation)

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How much is your identity in Christ a factor in how you make choices?

For Kids:

How does loving Jesus affect how you make choices?

2. How does knowing your calling in Christ help you respond differently in any situation?

For Kids:

Can you think of any area of your life that God might want you to change and become more like Jesus?

3. Have you committed your future to God?

For Kids:

Pray with your parents about committing your future to God

SONG OF DEDICATION

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	Living in Enemy Territory (1 Samuel 27:1-12)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Mrs Gerviene Sya Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Ms Sally Koay
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Mr Tairven Lee Ms Adelya Yeoh
Sound	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mr Tony Teh Ms Helen Aw Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Tan Yu Ai

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Reader	Mrs Wong Lee Wah
Musician	Dr Melvin Saw
Sound	Mr Bernard Lim
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai
Ushers	Ms Vivian Lim Mrs Connie Lim 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 that all nations will come together to tackle the issue of global warming and climate change, causing heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, flash floods and so on. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to be upon each country's leaders as they commit to taking the necessary steps. Pray also, that we, as individuals, will take an interest in this issue and do what we can do for the betterment of the world.

Nation

- Pray for God's protection over our nation, especially the children. Pray that He will strengthen their immune systems and keep them safe in light of the highly contagious hand, foot and mouth disease that is currently on the rise. Pray also, that all will continue to remain vigilant and practice good personal hygiene to protect themselves from Covid-19 and other infectious diseases.

Church

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to keep our eyes on God and open our ears to hear and respond to His call. Pray that He will enable us to see when someone needs to be encouraged, and help us to be faithful to carry one another's burdens. Pray that through our own struggle and pain, we may be His vessels to offer comfort and strength to others who are hurting.

Self

- Pray that God will renew our minds and transform our hearts to be more attentive to our calling. Pray that as we read His Word, we will be reminded of Who He is, who we are and our primary purpose here on earth. Pray also, that He will grant us the wisdom and strength to always persevere to do the right thing, rather than what is deemed acceptable or normal.

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 Catherine Chew 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 – May 29

Communion Offering for May 2022 will go to Charis Hospice.

Communion Offering for June 2022 will go to Penang Hospice Society.

Coming up in June

11 – 3rd LCEC Meeting

12 – MYF Sunday

19 – Father's Day

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2022>

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

Covid Care Form

<http://bit.ly/tmcpccovidcare>

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.



Floral Calendar (June-December 2022) is ready for booking at the reception area.