



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 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."

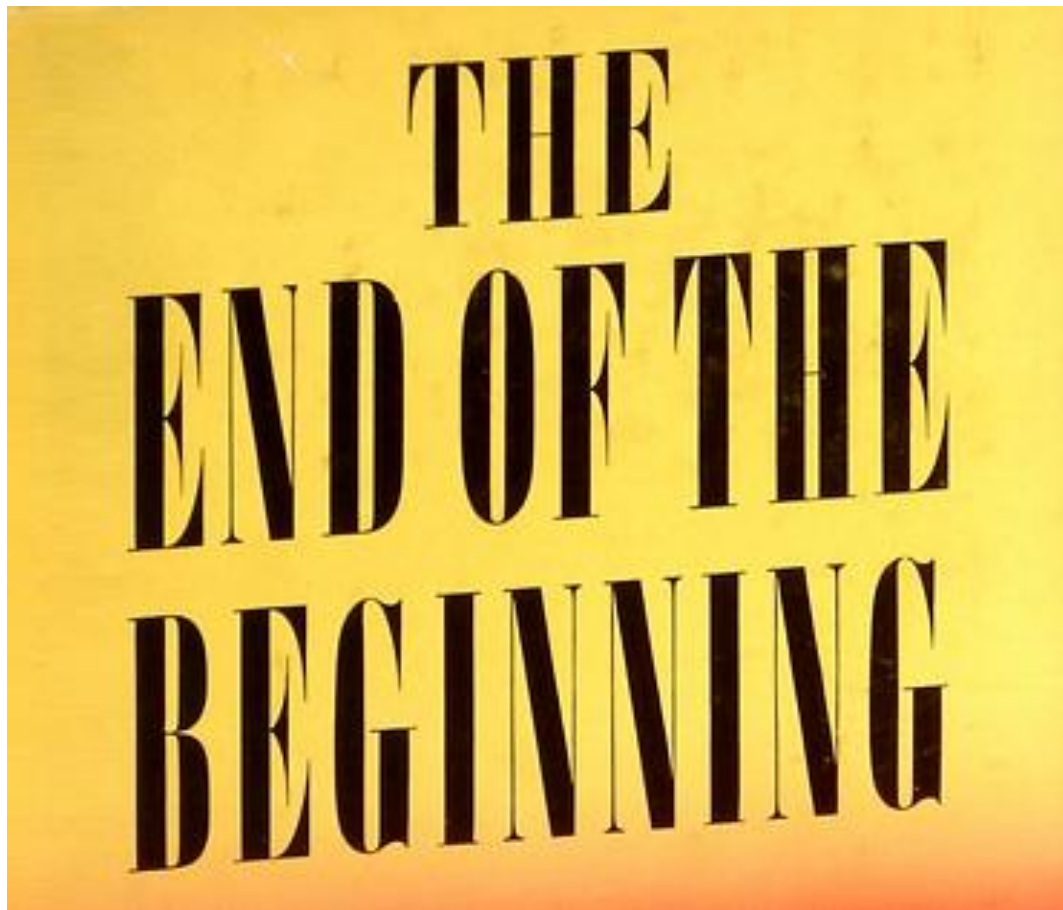


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Our Vision

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

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV

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

L: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

P: *We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people.*

L: Let Your joy ring through the universe, and let Your vision see to the depths of every soul.

**P: *We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s light wherever we go.
Praise God for this day!***

All: *In a spirit of growing faith, let us worship God.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**I AM

You are the maker of the heavens and the earth
You are the great I AM
Creation shouts Your fame, Name above every name
You are the great I AM

When waters deep I see, You come, You rescue me
I speak Your Name and You part the sea
No power greater than that name, the great I AM
Who was, and Who is, and Who will come again

You said I am that I AM, You are the great I AM (repeat)

There is no earthly king, no spirit power that reigns
To match the great I AM
All hell and demons shake, when as Your church we say
You are the great I AM

And when my faith is weak, Your greatness covers me
You are my Rock when I cannot stand
Your praise I humbly sing, mountains bow to Your name
All hail, Emmanuel, Almighty King of kings

Jehovah, You are the great I AM
Jehovah, Mighty God, You are the great I AM

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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Christ Is Enough

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world
That could ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back I've been set free

*Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need*

Christ my all in all the joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail
Heaven is our home
Through every storm my soul will sing
Jesus is here to God be the glory

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back
The cross before me the world behind me
No turning back no turning back

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Afghanistan in the aftermath of an earthquake that has killed over a thousand people and destroyed hundreds of homes. Pray for rescue and relief efforts, and for the international community to extend ready aid without being hindered by the state of their relations with the ruling Taliban.
2. Pray for Malaysia amidst the rise of Covid cases in the current endemic phase of our nation's Covid strategy. Continue praying for the protection of those especially vulnerable.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity - thank God for the legacy left behind by the faithful. Pray that our congregation today will sow seeds of God's love and Kingdom all around them wherever they are.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would view personal defeats from the larger perspective of God's purposes. Pray that the victory of the cross will always be the context by which we live our lives.

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.

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 31:1-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The End of the Beginning

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The End of the Beginning

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 31:1-13

INTRODUCTION

1. To Be Continued
2. 1 Samuel 31 is the End of 1 Samuel but not the End
3. Today's Message:

- Defeat of Israel (1 Samuel 31:1)
- Death of Saul and his 3 sons (1 Samuel 31:2-6)
- Disgrace of Saul (1 Samuel 31:8-10)

1. DEFEAT OF ISRAEL (V1)

- Defeat of Israel at Mount Gilboa
- Constant battles between Israel and the Philistines
- Defeats of Christians
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - The defeat of Israel by the Philistines is not the end but the end of the beginning
 - Jesus' death on the cross was seen as a defeat. It is not the end. It is the beginning of victory over Satan

2. DEATH AT MOUNT GILBOA (V2-5)

- Fear of Death
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer's unshakeable faith that death is not the end
- Death of Saul, his three sons, his armour bearer
 - At Mount Gilboa, Saul's 3 sons were killed (V2)
 - Saul was badly wounded by arrows and committed suicide without the help of his armour bearer at his side
 - Saul's armour bearer also committed suicide
- David's lament for Saul
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - Your life is worth living no matter how bad it gets
 - Surround yourself with the right people who will be your armour bearers to join the battle against the "enemies of our souls"

3. DISGRACE OF SAUL (V8-10)

- The wicked acts of the Philistines
- Parallel between Saul and Jesus
- The valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead (V11-13)
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - God showed mercy to Saul by giving him the honour of a proper burial by the loyal men of Jabesh-Gilead
 - Jesus was also given the honour of a proper burial by loyal followers like Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

CONCLUSION:

Know: That the Christian life is a three-pronged battle – **the world** (the enemy around us), the **flesh** (the enemy within us) and the **devil** (the enemy above us). Stand firm.

Be: Careful of the "Philistines" in your life. Saul was hit unexpectedly by an arrow. Are you aware of the arrow coming your way?

Do: Honour the King of Kings and be loyal to God.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What are your “thorns”? What has been your attitude towards them? How do you think God wants you to see them? How can you trust and submit to him so that you can thrive with these thorns?

For Kids:

Who do you turn to when you are fearful, worried and anxious?

2. Who are the armour bearers around you? Proverbs 13:20 says, “that he who walks with wise men will be wise”.

For Kids:

What company of friends are around you in your neighbourhood or at school?

1 Corinthians 15:33 says, “Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.”

3. Have you shown loyalty and given honour to Christ who took away your sin? Jesus came to erase shame and disgrace and make us His own new creation. May God give us grace to erase disgrace.

For Kids:

How do you honour Jesus Christ in your home and in your school?

CLOSING SONG

This is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH 383

This is a day of new beginnings
Time to remember and move on
Time to believe what love is bringing
Laying to rest the pain that's gone

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving
Seeking new paths, and sure to find

For by the life and death of Jesus
God's mighty Spirit, now as then
Can make for us a world of difference
As faith and hope are born again

Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	The End of the Beginning (1 Samuel 31:1-13)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn Ms Alanis Yeoh
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Tairven Lee Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen
Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim Mrs Mary Wolf Ms Emmy Chia Ms Tan Yu Ai

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh
Reader	TBA
Musician	TBA
Sound	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi
Visual	Ms Kaitlyn Fletcher
Ushers	Ms Vivian Lim Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mrs Sally Loh 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 God's wisdom and guidance over the World Health Organization (WHO) as they assess if the recent monkey pox outbreak represents a health emergency of international concern. Pray also for India with regards to the government's announcement of a new military recruitment scheme that was met by protests. Pray that the people's concerns will be addressed.

Nation

- Pray for our nation's judicial system. Pray that God will reign over the judiciary and raise judges who fear Him. Pray for people of integrity and courage in delivering their judgments in accordance with the law and the evidence presented before them, independent of any political or external influences. Pray that wise and impartial judgements will be delivered to the nation and its people.

Church

- Pray that we will grow in being distinct from the world in faith, in love, in conduct, and in holiness. Pray that a hunger for studying and meditating on God's Word would form among us, so that we may guide and guard one another in it. Pray also, that the sharing of the Gospel and a culture of discipling would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of our daily lives.

Self

- Ask God to forgive us for the times when we have prioritized our own lives over doing His will. Pray for an awakening of greater sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray that He will help us to discipline our thoughts and our actions, revealing to us the ways we have become distracted, and help us to remove those distractions from our lives.

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 Symeon Chiam 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 – June 26

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

Communion Offering for July 2022 will go to Grace Harmony Home.

Coming up in July

10 – SG Sunday

17 – BB Enrolment Sunday

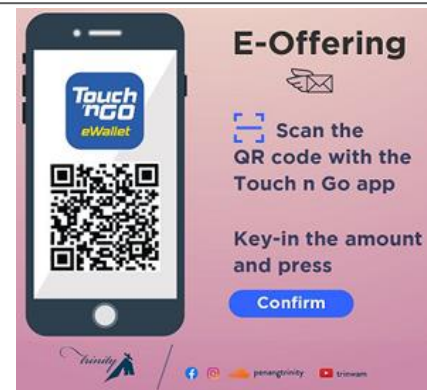
2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<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>



Penang Trinity Education Aid

Registration is open from Jul 1 – Aug 15, 2022.
To register/for more information, please contact the church office.

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

D6 Malaysia Family Conference – July 2

Generational Discipleship

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/d6malaysia2022>

For more info: <https://d6malaysia.com>

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

Penang Bible Reading Marathon

1-4 September 2022

To register/for more information, contact Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551

5PM Service Reopening – July 24

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*
- ✓ *MySejahtera Checks – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing - Required*

TRAC MW 47th Annual Conference

September 16-18, 2022

For more information, contact Angela Khong at 016-470 0680