

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 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."

**"THOUGH THE WRONG SEEMS OFT SO STRONG,
GOD IS THE RULER YET."**



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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

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING HYMN**

Maker, in Whom We Live

UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live
In whom we are and move
The glory, power, and praise receive
For Thy creating love
Let all the angel throng
Give thanks to God on high
While earth repeats the joyful song
And echoes to the sky

Spirit of Holiness,
Let all Thy saints adore
Thy sacred energy, and bless
Thine heart-renewing power
Not angel tongues can tell
Thy love's ecstatic height
The glorious joy unspeakable
The beatific sight

Incarnate Deity
Let all the ransomed race
Render in thanks their lives to Thee
For Thy redeeming grace
The grace to sinners showed
Ye heavenly choirs proclaim
And cry, "Salvation to our God
Salvation to the Lamb!"

Eternal, Triune God
Let all the hosts above
Let all on earth below record
And dwell upon Thy love
When heaven and earth are fled
Before Thy glorious face
Sing all the saints Thy love hath made
Thine everlasting praise

"Father, in Whom We Live"

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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
(3x)

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(...Those leaving for their Sunday School Classes will stand...)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord.

Children: For He is good, and His love endures forever.

People: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION And Can It Be that I Should Gain

UMH 363

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be
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'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore
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SERMON God Is the Ruler Yet

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

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This is my Father's world
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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God Is the Ruler Yet

Scripture Passage: Acts 12:1-24

INTRODUCTION

- Attempts to stop the proclamation of the gospel: Acts 4:1-3, Acts 5:17-33
- Two-pronged persecution: Political Persecution and Religious Persecution

1. DEATH OF JAMES

- Political Persecution:
 - James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa 1 (Acts 12:1-2)
 - Peter was seized and imprisoned by Herod Agrippa 1 (Acts 12:3)
- Religious Persecution:
 - Persecution by the Sadducees
- When evil triumphs:
 - A trying time of persecution for the early Christians – death of James and the imprisonment of Peter
 - Our time – is evil winning the day in our nation and the world?
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - When evil prevails, be reminded that God rules and over rules. God is in control
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ is Unstoppable!

2. DELIVERANCE OF PETER

- Extra prison security for Peter (Acts 12:4)
 - Peter and John had mysteriously escaped from custody before (Acts 5:17-20)
- Earnest prayer for Pete's Release (Act 12:5)
- Peter's miraculous escape (Acts 12:6-11)
 - Peter the sound sleeper (Acts 12:6)
 - Peter delivered by an angel of the Lord (Acts 12:7-11)
 - The doubt of answered prayer (Acts 12:12-17)
- Prison guards were executed (Acts 12:18-19)
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - Since God is almighty and in control, He can easily deliver you and I from humanly impossible situations if it is His will
 - No prison can shut God out or keep His servants in if He wills to free them

3. DEATH OF HEROD AGRIPPA 1

- The Danger of pride and contempt for God and man (Act 12:20-23)
- **THE TAKEAWAY**
 - There is no power greater than God who ultimately reigns over every human leader, evil or good
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ is unstoppable (Acts 12:24)

CONCLUSION:

- God is almighty and can easily remove the most powerful and proud human leaders when it is His time to do so.
- Let us never forget - **GOD IS STILL THE RULER YET.**

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

<u>18/09/2022</u>	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God Is the Ruler Yet <i>(Acts 12:1-24)</i>	God Is the Ruler Yet <i>(Acts 12:1-24)</i>
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Reader	Mrs Sally Loh	Dr Mallise Tong
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Visual	Mr Joshua Timothy	Mr William Ng
Ushers	Mr Oon Chee Soon Mr Vincent Lee Ms Tan Yu Ai Mrs Connie Lim	Dr Goh Yoke Seng Dr Mah Chiou-Fen
Finance Steward	Mrs Sally Loh	n/a

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>23/09/2022</u>	<u>24/09/2022</u>	<u>25/09/2022</u>
	<u>Renewal Service</u> <u>(8:30 pm)</u>	<u>Renewal Service</u> <u>(8:30 pm)</u>	<u>65th Anniversary Combined</u> <u>Service (10.00 am)</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Dreams and Visions: Different, Bigger, Further <i>(Genesis 37-50; 50:19-20)</i>	Journey to the Other Side <i>(Mark 4)</i>	The Art of Fishing <i>(Luke 5:1-11)</i>
Preacher	Rev Abel Cheah	Rev Aaron Anand	Rev Miles Toulmin
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Dr Cheah Ui Hock	n/a
Worship Leaders	n/a	n/a	Mrs Jane Khoo Ms Cheah Yan Li Mr Amos Lau
Reader	n/a	n/a	Mrs Rosalind Khoo
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo	Dr Melvin Saw	Mr Daniel Khoo, Dr Melvin Saw Mrs Nicoline Koay, Mr Edwin Oon
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Jesse Ong, Mr Jason Tham
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi	Mr Shane Tan	Mr David Law
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Koay Choong Khai
Ushers	Mrs Sally Loh Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Mak Ngai Leong	Mr Tony Teh Dr Ho Seng Hooi Mrs Connie Lim	Dr Ho Seng Hooi Mrs Connie Lim Mr Mak Ngai Leong Mrs Maggie Mak
Finance Steward	n/a	n/a	Mr Lim Pang Kuan

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9.15am	Church School
10.00am	Worship Service in English
12.30pm	Methodist Youth Fellowship
1.30pm	Young Families 1 Small Group – Tairven Lee
3.00pm	Post Alpha Small Group Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
3.00pm	Boys' Brigade

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)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting – http://bit.ly/tmcprayer
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

	Small Groups:
3.00pm	Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Sabrina Lee
8.30pm	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)

SATURDAY

10:30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
	Small Groups:
8.00pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.15pm	Young Families 2 – James Hii
8.30pm	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Asian countries have been facing supply chain disruptions in imports of grain, fuel, cooking oil, fertilisers and industrial metals. Pray for God's wisdom over the Asian leaders as they grapple with political, social, economic and public health risks. Pray also, that China will deal with the Covid-Omicron infection wisely and effectively given the latest lockdown in Chengdu.

Nation

- Pray for God's protection over the people, that they will not be swayed by political propaganda that cause division and disunity. Pray for economic recovery and for wise leaders to guide the nation prudently in the face of global uncertainty. Pray also, for the gospel's transformative work in the education sector, national security, healthcare, social welfare, finance, and government.

Church

- Pray that we will remember His goodness with gratitude in our hearts, to count our blessings and be thankful for all that Christ has done for us. Pray that we will respond to God's love by observing His commands, walking in His ways and revering Him. Pray also, that we will endeavour to teach our younger generation about God's goodness and providence, that they may trust Him too.

Self

- Pray that as we abide in Christ, we may be examples of His love that will abound more and more; love that is sincere and without offence, bearing fruits of righteousness. Pray that we will intentionally choose reconciliation and healing, forgiving those who have hurt us or oppressed us, and commit ourselves to daily live in peace, love, and joy.

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 Lilian Yeoh in Thanksgiving.
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TODAY – September 18

Communion Offering for September 2022 will go to Kawan Centre.



Vacancies: Accounts Clerk

Certificate/Diploma in Accountancy or equivalent professional qualification, with relevant working experience and skilled in using Excel functions for accounting purposes. To apply, please submit resume to joinus@penangtrinity.org.

Floral Calendar (September – December 2022) is ready for booking at the reception area.

World Federation Day Study Program

October 1, 10:30am – 12 noon

Susannah Room

Wesley Methodist Church Penang, followed by lunch at Noble Season Chinese Restaurant, Penang Plaza. For more information, contact Angela Khong at 016-470 0680.

Coming up in September

23 – Renewal Service (8:30PM)

24 – 2nd LC / 5th LCEC Meeting (9:30AM)

Renewal Service (8:30PM)

25 – 65th Church Anniversary Combined Service (10AM)

Baptism & Membership Class

If interested, please contact the church office.

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2022>

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/tmcp covidcare>

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required (Capped at 220)*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *MySejahtera checks – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Required (6 per pew)*

MW Floral Arrangement Class

October 15, 2022

RM80 upon registration, materials provided. For more information, contact Angela Khong at 016-470 0680.