

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

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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 at the fellowship area."



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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

“Praise be to You, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,
for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
You are exalted as head over all.”

1 Chronicles 29:10b-11, NIV

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

L: It is God Who sustains, not the temptations of this world.

P: We follow our faithful Lord.

L: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm.

P: We follow our faithful Lord.

L: Come, let us worship the One Whom we serve.

P: We follow our faithful Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough (x2)
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God, I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Beneath The Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams
Now one through grace alone

How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives

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Ancient Of Days

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O, His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

For my God is the Ancient of Days

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world, over this Lent Season. Pray that Christians all over the world would take this time to be pursuits of personal holiness that would persist even past this particular season.
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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.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

God builds His Kingdom

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How much is the Kingdom of God your everyday reality?
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CLOSING SONG

This Kingdom

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed
The Son of Man, the Son of God
His kingdom comes
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice
Now glorified, now justified
His kingdom comes

*And this kingdom will know no end
And its glory shall know no bounds
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come*

*And this kingdom's reign
And this kingdom's rule
And this kingdom's power and authority
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed*

Jesus, the expression of God's love
The grace of God, the Word of God
Revealed to us
Jesus, God's holiness displayed
Now glorified, now justified
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BENEDICTION**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

Come, Thou almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

Come, Thou incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless
And give Thy word success
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

To Thee, great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence, evermore
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity, love and adore!

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“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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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
(2x)

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom spread from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
All prisoners leap and loose their chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all who suffer want are blest

To Jesus endless prayer be made
And endless praises crown his head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

Let every creature rise and bring
Honours peculiar to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen!

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

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CLOSING SONG

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH 580

Lead on, O King eternal
The day of march has come
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong
And now, O King eternal
We lift our battle song

Lead on, O King eternal
Till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace

For not with swords loud clashing
Nor roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes

Lead on, O King eternal
We follow, not with fears
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears
Thy cross is lifted o'er us
We journey in its light
The crown awaits the conquest
Lead on, O God of might

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God builds His Kingdom

Scripture Passage: 2 Samuel 7:1-21

BIG IDEA: A Devoted Church Lives Under God's Kingdom

Key Verse: 2 Samuel 7:11b (NIV)

The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you.

Introduction

- After the LORD had established David on the throne, David wanted to build a temple for God in Jerusalem.
- Instead, God revealed His plans and purposes to David to establish for David a family line of kings who would rule Israel.
- The LORD's word would eventually be fulfilled in Jesus Christ who was born from David's family line and who reigns now as King of an everlasting kingdom.

Aspects of Living in God's Kingdom:

1. Kingdom Reality

God's Kingdom must be our primary reality each day

- Though David was anointed as king earlier in life, he spent quite a few years on the run from Saul.
- However, David demonstrated that God's anointing on his life was the dominating reality despite all the challenges and difficulties.
- The reality of God's Kingdom must dominate our everyday reality, over the circumstances of life.

2. Kingdom Thinking

Learning to 'think God's thoughts after Him' (Johannes Kepler)

- David learnt that God's plans are far beyond what he could ever hope and imagine.
- We need to be redeemed in our way of thinking and attitudes.
- Our thinking and minds can be transformed when we abide in Christ.

3. Kingdom Expansion

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... (Matthew 13:31b)

- At times, the growth of God's Kingdom may seem small or start small, but God causes the ultimate abundance and flourish of His Kingdom (Matthew 13:31-32).
- David secured and expanded the boundaries of Israel's Kingdom for his day (2 Samuel 8).
- Working for God's Kingdom in our day is to live diligently for the Lord in our everyday lives to sow the seeds of the Gospel through witnessing and showing God's grace and kindness.

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God builds His Kingdom (2 Samuel 7:1-21)	God builds His Kingdom (2 Samuel 7:1-21)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Mrs Angela Khong	n/a
Reader	Mrs Sally Loh	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musician	Ms Amelia Loo, Mr Shane Tan Ms Adelya Yeoh	Mrs Joyce Lau
Sound	Ms Roshni George	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Mr David Law	n/a
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Ms Sharon Wong Mrs Connie Lim Ms Teo Lay Tinn Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Christopher Wong Ms Lilian Yeoh
Finance Steward	Mrs Wan Soo Har Ms Helen Aw	n/a

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Ms Selina Ngu	Dr Mallise Tong
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
Visual	Ms Roshni George	Mr William Ng
Ushers	Mr Richard Lim Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Tan Yu Ai Ms Emmy Chia	Ms Vivian Lim Mr George Tan
Finance Steward	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

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

TUESDAY

- 7.00pm Young Adults III – Gerviene Sya
8.00pm Tanjung Bungah Small Group –
Chan Chen Weng

WEDNESDAY

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

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

- Continue to pray for the people in Türkiye and Syria. Pray that God will open more ways for humanitarian aid to reach the victims. Pray for God's protection over the authorities and volunteers, and His wisdom and guidance in their restoration efforts. Pray also, for the people in New Zealand who have been affected by the recent cyclone. Pray that they will find shelter, and that their basic needs will be met.

Nation

- Pray for judges to be impartial, fair, strong, courageous, wise and righteous. Pray for ongoing law reforms to restore the independence of the judiciary and the administration of justice for all. Pray that legal disputes relating to unilateral conversion of children and reburial of the deceased and inheritance rights be handled wisely and fairly to uphold the religious freedom and rights of non-Muslims.

Church

- Pray that we will always serve the Lord with spiritual passion, alive and on fire for God, and never be lacking in zeal. Pray that we will spend unhurried time in personal worship and in studying His Word; getting to know Christ better, listening to His still small voice, emulating His character, discovering His will, understanding His ways, enjoying and finding fulfilment in His presence.

Self

- As we enter this Lenten season, pray that we will spend time in self-examination, confession, repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial as we read and meditate on His Word. Pray that as we humble ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts as we draw nearer to Him, our lives will be changed, our words and actions bringing glory and honour to our God.

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 – February 26

Communion Offering for February 2022 will go to Malaysian Care.

Coming up in March!

12 – MW Sunday

25 – 2nd LCEC Meeting

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

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

The Methodist Boys' School English Reading Programme will commence on Friday, April 14, 2023. If you would like join the team of readers, please contact Connie at 013-324 1382.

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

The Marriage Course (TMC) will commence on **April 16, 2023**. It ends with a marriage retreat at Vouk Hotel Suites. Each couple pays for their own room reservation for a one-night stay on Friday, June 9, 2023. Next day programme (June 10) ends with the **renewal of marriage vow** by Rev Shearn. Course preview is at **7.45pm, March 12 (Zoom link below)**. Contact: *Lai Keat* at 019-4231749 or *Connie* at 013-3241382.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847733893?pwd=L04rVjQzblpZdVM5bCt6NmxbG5tZz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4773 3893 Passcode: 047302

MW World Day of Prayer

March 4, 2:30pm – 4pm | Bethel
For more information, please contact the MW Committee.

Wonderful Works! Bible Camp

for 7-12 year olds

April 22-24, 2023

Wesley Methodist School Penang (International)
Camp fee: RM100 (meals, t-shirt, camp materials)

Register before April 2:

<https://bit.ly/wwbc2023-register>

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/wwbc2023-volunteer>

This event is jointly organized by Methodist TRAC Northern District Conference in collaboration with Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia. For more information, contact Bro Chik Bu at 016-395 7263 or Ms Ong Tze Lynn at 012-521 5150.