

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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3rd Sunday in Lent

MW Sunday

March 12, 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

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P: We will stand firm and without fear, for God is worthy of our praise. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

ACTS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come*

One day, every tongue will confess You are God
One day, every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Willingly, we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly, our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Come, come, just as you are come, come

More Than Amazing

You're the One Who walked on water
And You calmed the raging seas
You command the highest mountains
To fall upon their knees
You're the One Who welcomed sinners
And You opened blinded eyes
You restored the broken-hearted
And You brought the dead to life

Forgetting all our sins
You remember all Your promises

*You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough
(You are amazing)*

With authority You've spoken
And You've set the captive free
You're the King Who came to serve
And You're the God Who washed our feet
You're the One Who took our burdens
And You bled upon the cross
In Your kindness and Your mercy
You became the way for us

Oh, how marvellous, Oh, how wonderful
Oh, how glorious, You are amazing
Oh, how marvellous, Oh, how wonderful
Oh, how glorious You are

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Thank You For The Cross

Thank You for the cross
The mighty cross
That God Himself should die
For such as us
And every day we're changed
Into Your image more and more
Yes, by the cross
We've truly been transformed

*And we're so amazed
And we give You praise
That You would save us
At such a cost
We're so amazed
And we give You praise
For the power of the cross
For the power of the cross*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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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

Romans 12:1-3, 9-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Fervent in Spirit for servanthood

Datin Judy Chin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

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CLOSING SONG

I Surrender All

UMH 354

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

*I surrender all
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Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

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Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now

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Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

CCLI #1369

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Come, every soul by sin oppressed
There's mercy with the Lord
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word

*Only trust Him, only trust Him
Only trust Him now
He will save you, He will save you
He will save you now*

For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes bright as snow

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way
That leads you into rest
Believe in Him without delay
And you are fully blest

Come then and join this holy band
And on to glory go
To dwell in that celestial land
Where joys immortal flow

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (repeat)*

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

CCLI Song #14301

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Fervent in Spirit for servanthood

Scripture Passage: Romans 12:1-3, 9-12

Introduction

Fervent - To have fervour with strong and sincere beliefs; zealous marked by great intensity.

Fervent in spirit is to have spiritual fervour/to be on fire which only the Holy Spirit can ignite in a believer.

Servanthood - Believers serving God sacrificially, humbly and willingly to using their spiritual gifts, passion and devotion in ministering to others.

I Spiritual Fervour is developed from

- **An intimate relationship with God through knowing Him through His Word, prayer, meditation and daily devotion.**
 - Knowing God through scriptures to build a solid foundation of biblical truths
 - Communicating with God through prayers - Philippians 4:6
 - Meditation to receive revelations from the Holy Spirit to have spiritual discernment and perception - John 16:13
 - Maintain regular time for daily devotion to sit at God's feet to learn His Ways.
- **Obedience to God's commandments**
 - Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
 - Love one another as we love ourselves and as how God loves us – 1 John 4:19-21
- **Transformation through sanctification**
 - Sanctification by the work of the Holy Spirit for God's purpose - Philippians 2:12-13
 - Renewing of the mind to know the Will of God - Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22-24
 - Becoming a new creation – 2 Corinthians 5:17

II Spiritual fervour is marked by

- **Sacrificial and holy living**
 - Die to self and worldly desires of the flesh to be holy and pleasing to God, living in hope - Romans 12:1; Titus 2:11-12
 - Be passionate about purity, love and sincerity - Romans 12:9
 - Leads to spiritual growth and maturity in a Christian's life
- **Humble Submission**
 - Genuine humility is submission to God's commands in obedience.
 - Consider others better than ourselves; be other centred not self-centred. Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3-4
 - Submitting all aspects of our lives to Jesus as Lord of our lives.
- **Servanthood**
 - Have the attitude and mind of Christ who came to serve and not to be served - Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:5-7
 - Service given to God's people with love, humility and devotion i.e. spiritual fervour - Romans 12:10-11
 - Ministry is servanthood.

III Spiritual fervour prepares us to be

- Joyful in hope - Romans 15:4,13
- Patient in affliction - James 1:12
- Faithful in prayer- Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

"We are to pray in times of adversity, lest one becomes faithless and unbelieving"- Billy Graham

Conclusion

- God's Will is for us to have spiritual fervour to serve Him by ministering to His people with sacrifice, love, humility and devotion.
- Be contagious to others with our spiritual fervour.

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Fervent in Spirit for servanthood (Romans 12:1-3, 9-12)	Fervent in Spirit for servanthood (Romans 12:1-3, 9-12)
Preacher	Datin Judy Chin	Datin Judy Chin
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Mrs Esther Wong
Musician	Dr Melvin Saw, Mrs Nicoline Koay Mr Edwin Oon	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Ms Roshni George	Ms Roshni George
Livestream	Mr David Law	n/a
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Ms Roshni George
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mrs Sally Loh Ms Helen Aw	Mrs Connie Lim Mdm Aileen Tan
Finance Steward	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mr Tan Kok Huat Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Bernard Lim	Mr William Ng
Livestream	Mr David Law	n/a
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Ushers	Mr Mak Ngai Leong Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Vincent Lee Mr Oon Chee Soon	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Steward	Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh	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
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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 (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
1:30pm	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

- Pray that Christians around the world will spend this Lent season drawing themselves closer to God in repentance and in gratitude for Christ's sacrifice for us. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a fresh hunger for His Word, and strengthen their personal and corporate prayer lives to intercede for their nation and also globally. Pray that all will desire to seek God, and obey Him to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Nation

- Pray for all those affected by floods caused by the North East monsoon and La Nina. Pray that there will be adequate evacuation and temporary relief centres for the victims, and that overflowing rivers will recede below dangerous levels. Pray also, that the Environment and Water Ministry will deepen rivers, raise river banks, expedite drainage maintenance and implement long-term flood mitigation measures.

Church

- Pray that God's peace which surpasses all understanding will be upon each and every one of us, especially over all those who are suffering and experiencing pain during their illnesses. Pray that during difficult periods of our lives, we will draw nearer to God, our source of comfort and strength. Pray also, for those who will be undergoing medical procedures or surgeries, that God's hand of protection will be upon them.

Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in us as we reflect and repent of our sins. Pray that we will submit ourselves to Him in faith, humility and obedience. Pray also, that we will truly love and serve God and others without expecting anything in return. Pray that as we read His Word, He will open our eyes to its truth, and grant us wisdom and discernment as we apply His Word in our daily 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 Seet Ai Ling (Aileen) 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 – March 12

We thank Datin Judy Chin for bringing God's Word to us today.

Communion Offering for March 2023 will go to MCRD Crisis Relief for Türkiye and Syria.

Coming up in March!

25 – 2nd LCEC Meeting

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2023>

2023 Lent Meditations

<https://linktr.ee/penangtrinity>

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.

All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

Pray for Malaysia

March 19, 8pm – 9pm

To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>

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.

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.



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>

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