

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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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(*stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6*)

UMH 92

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For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself, best Gift Divine
To the world so freely given
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Peace on earth, and joy in heaven

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Thou Lamb of Calvary
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And grief's around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
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When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Saviour, then in love
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O bear me safe above
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DOXOLOGY

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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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

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SERMON

Showing God's Kindness

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Have you received God's loving kindness by faith in Jesus Christ?
2. Has showing God's kindness come naturally or is it a challenge?
Reflect on your answer in prayer.
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CLOSING SONG

Pass It On

UMH 572

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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Showing God's Kindness

Scripture Passage: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

BIG IDEA: A Devoted Church Shows God's Kindness

Key Verse: 2 Samuel 9:3a (NIV)

The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Introduction

- When David had consolidated his rule, he sought out to show God's kindness to any that remained of Saul's family (the former king).
- David was moved to kindness by his covenant pledge of friendship with Jonathan, Saul's son (1 Samuel 18:3-4; 1 Samuel 20:42).
- David's kindness reflected God's character of kindness.

Aspects of showing God's kindness:

1. Source of Kindness

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

- Scripture testifies to God's loving kindness and covenant faithfulness as God's enduring character.
- God's people show kindness, compassion and mercy out of what they have experienced with God.

2. Measure of Kindness

What we give is a measure of how much we have received from God.

- David experienced God's overflowing love and faithfulness in his life – for e.g. in God's promise for David's family line (2 Samuel 7:18-21).
- David's measure for kindness is grounded in God's kindness (2 Samuel 9:3a).
- God is able to increase our capacity for showing His kindness and generosity (Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11).

3. Practice of Kindness

Showing God's kindness often involves preparation and intentionality.

- David prepared steps to ensure Mephibosheth's well-being (2 Samuel 9:7, 9-10).
- David's intention for kindness was made clear in the process he set in place to provide for Mephibosheth.
- Showing God's kindness often involves sacrifice and faith.

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Showing God's Kindness (2 Samuel 9:1-13)	Showing God's Kindness (2 Samuel 9:1-13)
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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God's Loving Kindness (2 Samuel 10:1-19)	God's Loving Kindness (2 Samuel 10:1-19)
Preacher	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau	Dr Khoo Cheek Kau
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya, Mrs Jane Khoo	
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf	Ms Loh Siok Moy
Musician	Ms Amelia Loo, Mrs Joyce Lau Dr David Yee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Chuah Chang En
Livestream	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mr Chuah Chang En
Ushers	Ms Teo Lay Tinn Ms Sharon Wong Mrs Connie Lim Mdm Wong Choon Moi	Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Cheah Yan Min
Finance Steward	Mrs Wan Soo Har Ms Helen Aw	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

- Asia is home to many different cultures, religions and beliefs. Pray for a spiritual awakening in the region, that more may come to know of God's love and truth. Pray for the persecuted church, especially in North Korea and China, that believers will be strong and steadfast, persevering in faith. Pray also, for peace to reign in the region, so that the gospel will continue to be preached boldly.

Nation

- We give thanks for the symbolic first 100 days in office of the first Prime Minister from a multiracial political party, and of a unity government. Pray for wisdom and good health for our Prime Minister as he leads in nation building together with former political rivals. Pray also, for God's blessings that they will be able work towards fulfilling election promises and improve the socio-economic and quality of life of the people.

Church

- Pray that we will strive to be agents of the gospel in our families, schools, workplaces, communities and city. Pray that our households will be mission outposts, that many will encounter Christ through our faithful witnessing this year. Pray also, that we will be prepared to be sent out into the harvest fields for the salvation of the lost, especially in urban areas where the need is great.

Self

- Give thanks to the Lord for this season of Lent where we are called to fast and pray, abstain and draw nearer to God. Pray that through these spiritual disciplines, our lives will be transformed to be more Christ-like. Pray also, that we will not forget that no matter how far we stray away from God, He is ready to forgive us our sins when we repent and return to Him.

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 Chew Lian 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 19

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



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.

Coming up in March!

25 – 2nd LCEC Meeting

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

2023 Lent Meditations

<https://linktr.ee/penangtrinity>

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

Pray for Malaysia

March 19, 8pm – 9pm (TONIGHT)

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

10AM / 5PM Service

✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*

✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*

✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*

✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

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.