



5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Join us at <http://live.penangtrinity.org> or <http://www.youtube.com/TRINWAM>

"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: *Your loving-kindness is better than life itself, and so my lips shall praise You. I will bless You as long as I live and lift up my hands in Your name.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE****This Is Amazing Grace**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus
I sing for all that You've done for me*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
Who conquered the grave
(repeat)
Worthy, worthy, worthy

CCLI Song #6333821

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God, You're So Good

Amazing love that welcomes me
The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood, wholeheartedly
My soul undeserving

*God, You're so good (3x)
You're so good to me*

Behold the cross, age to age
And hour by hour
The dead are raised, the sinner saved
The work of Your power

I am blessed, I am called
I am healed, I am whole
I am saved in Jesus' name
Highly favoured, anointed
Filled with Your power
For the glory of Jesus' name

And should this life bring suffering
Lord, I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me
Both now and forever

CCLI Song #7105729

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Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)

You have been our dwelling place
Oh, everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

*When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us

Teach us, Lord
To number our days on earth
Give us more
Wisdom in the secret heart
As You display amazing grace
Through Jesus Christ for us

*When the sun comes up, satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us
Satisfy us with Your love*

CCLI Song #7177987

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be compassionate to all - especially those who need our compassion.

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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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 10:1-19

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

God's Loving Kindness

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**CLOSING SONG**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

O Love that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze
Its day may brighter, fairer be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms
Red life that shall endless be

*CCLI Song #40502**"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" words & music by Albert Lister Peace | George Matheson**© Words & Music: Public Domain**CCLI Licence #620790***BENEDICTION****THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(stanzas 1, 3, 5, 6)

UMH 154

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God
Who from his altar call
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod
And crown him Lord of all
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod
And crown him Lord of all

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

CCLI #25400

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There is a place of quiet rest
Near to the heart of God
A place where sin cannot molest
Near to the heart of God

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer
Sent from the heart of God
Hold us who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God*

There is a place of comfort sweet
Near to the heart of God
A place where we our Saviour meet
Near to the heart of God

There is a place of full release
Near to the heart of God
A place where all is joy and peace
Near to the heart of God

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I, ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God's Loving Kindness

Scripture Passage: 2 Samuel 10:1-19

1. God's Loving Kindness

- This small three-letter word, *חסד*, *hesed* in Hebrew occurs 246 times in the OT, half of which occurs in the book of Psalms.
- Examples of *hesed* in the Bible
 - 1. Ruth's *hesed* - the kind of love she displays when she refuses to leave her mother-in-law, Naomi
 - 2. Hosea's *hesed* - the kind of love that Hosea expresses for his wife, Gomer

THE TAKEAWAY

- Michael Card's definition of *hesed* – **when the person from whom I have a right to expect nothing gives me everything.**

REFLECTION #1

How will a clear understanding of *hesed* allow me to be more giving rather than just looking for what I could gain from someone? How has God poured out His *hesed* over your life?

2. Responses to God's *Hesed*

- **Given AND Accepted**
 - The response from Mephibosheth
 - God's invitation for you to feast at His table
- **Given BUT Rejected**
 - Hanun's rejection and insult – 2 Samuel 10:1-5
 - Hezekiah's pride – 2 Chronicles 32:25
- **Given BUT Taken Lightly**
 - God's *hesed* is leading you to repentance - Romans 2:4
 - Danger of anyone who is religious – believers and non-believers

THE TAKEAWAY

- In giving God's *hesed*, there is a price to pay – the sacrifice of Christ on the cross

REFLECTION #2

How do you respond towards God's *hesed*? Are you resisting/fighting God's *hesed*?

3. Love That Will Not Let You Go

- God's extravagant love is Never limited, Never conditional, Never withdrawn, Never Uncertain

THE TAKEAWAY

- God's Love is the Love that will never let you go!

Reflection #3:

Meditate on Romans 8:38-39 that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus" – A love that will not let you go

Today'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

Next Week's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
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Reader	Ms Sally Koay	Ms Vanessa Goh
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	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 Mr Joel Lim Ms Emmy Chia	Ms Tan Yu Ai Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Steward	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mrs Wan Soo Har Mr Yeo Hwang Seng	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
7.30pm	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 for Christians around the world who are looking for new ways to bring Jesus into the lives of their communities. Pray that pre-believers will have open minds and receptive hearts. Pray also, for all those who have been displaced from their homes as a result of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, flash floods, war, and famine, and that Christians around the world will rise up and help those in need.

Nation

- Pray that our government will be resolute in establishing judicial independence. Pray for political will to remove executive influence over the judiciary as advised by the Rulers, e.g. to amend the Judicial Appointments Commission Act 2009. Pray also, for God's protection against seen and unseen forces over those who are involved in our Judicial and Legal arm. Pray that the MACC and the AG office will work without fear or favour.

Church

- Pray that we will revere Jesus as Lord and Saviour of our lives and not be influenced by the world that seeks to discredit Him as the Messiah. Pray that God will continue to grant us many opportunities to share the love, grace and saving power of Christ with others. Pray also, that the good work He started in us at salvation will be completed to His praise and glory at the second coming of our Lord.

Self

- Pray that we will be faithful ambassadors of Christ – diligent in prayer and in the Word of God, pure in heart, ever ready to share the Gospel and be peacemakers. Pray for healing, gratitude and joy in the midst of difficulties. Pray also, for God's protection, provision and guidance for our families, and for the salvation of those who have not yet come to know Christ.

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 Nellie Lim 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 26

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



Coming up in April!

02 – Palm Sunday

06 – Maundy Thursday Service (8:30pm)

07 – Good Friday Service ((8:30pm)

09 – Combined Easter Sunday Service (10am)

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.

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 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.