

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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Palm Sunday

April 2, 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

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Luke 19:38, NIV

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

L: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst.

L: Hosanna! Christ comes with joy and hope.

P: Hosanna! He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Sing with great joy, for the Saviour has come to us!

P: Honour, praise, and glory are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

Because He Lives

UMH 364

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

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I serve a risen Saviour
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever foes may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

*He lives, He lives
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives, He lives
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart*

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him
The help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world over this period of Holy Week - pray for peace and safety for Christian communities that are prone to terror attacks around this time of the year.
2. Pray for our Malaysian parliamentary sitting that lasts until 4th April. Pray for MPs to be present and responsible in their duties.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity as we enter the Holy Week - pray for our congregation to encounter the Lord in a fresh way in our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be careful to worship and follow God for who He is, not who we expect Him to be or what we expect Him to do for us.

E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)

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for online transfers.*

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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Expectations

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Is there anything holding you back from allowing Jesus to fully enter into your heart and life? What help do you need? Tell someone.
2. How can your faith, trust, obedience and love for God be lifted up to another level of "extremity"?
3. What are some of your expectations of God that you may need to reconsider in the light of who He is to you?

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay
Mould me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Saviour today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Expectations <i>(Matthew 21:1-11)</i>	Expectations <i>(Matthew 21:1-11)</i>
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	Mrs Angela Khong	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
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, Ms Sharon Wong 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

06.04.2023 Maundy Thursday (8:30PM)

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon
Reader	Dr Mallise Tong
Musician	Mrs Joyce Lau
Sound	Ms Roshni Goerge
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mr Mak Ngai Leong Mrs Maggie Mak

07.04.2023 Good Friday (8:30PM)

Sermon Title/Text	n/a
Preacher	n/a
Liturgist	Rev Shearn Sya
Reader	n/a
Musician	Mr Daniel Khoo
Sound	TBA
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

Sermon Title/Text	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr Amos Lau, Ms Cheah Yan Li
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Emily Tye Ms Adelya Yeoh, Mrs Nicoline Koay
Sound	Mr Jason Tham, Ms Roshni George
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai, Mr Calvin Fong
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mr Mak Ngai Leong, Mrs Maggie Mak

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 that God will empower Christians around the world to shine His light and make Him known to all. Pray for peace where there is frustration, rage, hatred, enmity, injustice and human suffering. Pray that people everywhere will recognise the true Saviour of the world and put their trust and hope in Him alone, for it is in Him that we receive the life and peace that the world cannot provide.

Nation

- Pray that the unity government envisioned by our king and Prime Minister will lead our people to be a peaceful, loving, godly, and dignified nation. Pray that God will guide and lead all political parties in their efforts to revitalize our economy, and achieve a harmonious and peaceful society. Pray against opposition parties who sow seeds of distrust and discord by inciting racism sentiments, causing division and disharmony.

Church

- Pray that we will strive to follow Jesus' example of willing, sacrificial love and service, that through His grace and mercy, we may become more like Him each day. Pray that God will help us to put the needs of others before our own, just as Jesus did when He gave His life for all. Pray also, that we will be humble and gentle in our interactions with others, seeking to build them up and helping them grow in their faith.

Self

- Praise and give thanks to God for the hope and life we have in and through Christ in the midst of inevitable sickness and death. Pray that we will learn to truly entrust our lives to the ultimate Giver of life, living out our hope and commitment to the Lord. Pray also, that we will never be tempted to turn our backs on Jesus when things don't seem to go our way, trusting that He knows best.

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 Dr Chan Geok Oon 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 – April 2

Communion Offering for April 2023 will go to the TRAC MW Fund for the poor and needy.



2023 Lent Meditations

<https://linktr.ee/penangtrinity>

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 by April 2 (TODAY):

<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 April!

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/tmcbible2023>

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

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

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.

The closing date for registering for **The Marriage Course** is April 10, 2023. Contact Lai Keat at 019-423 1749 or Connie at 013-324 1382.