

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

***"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."***

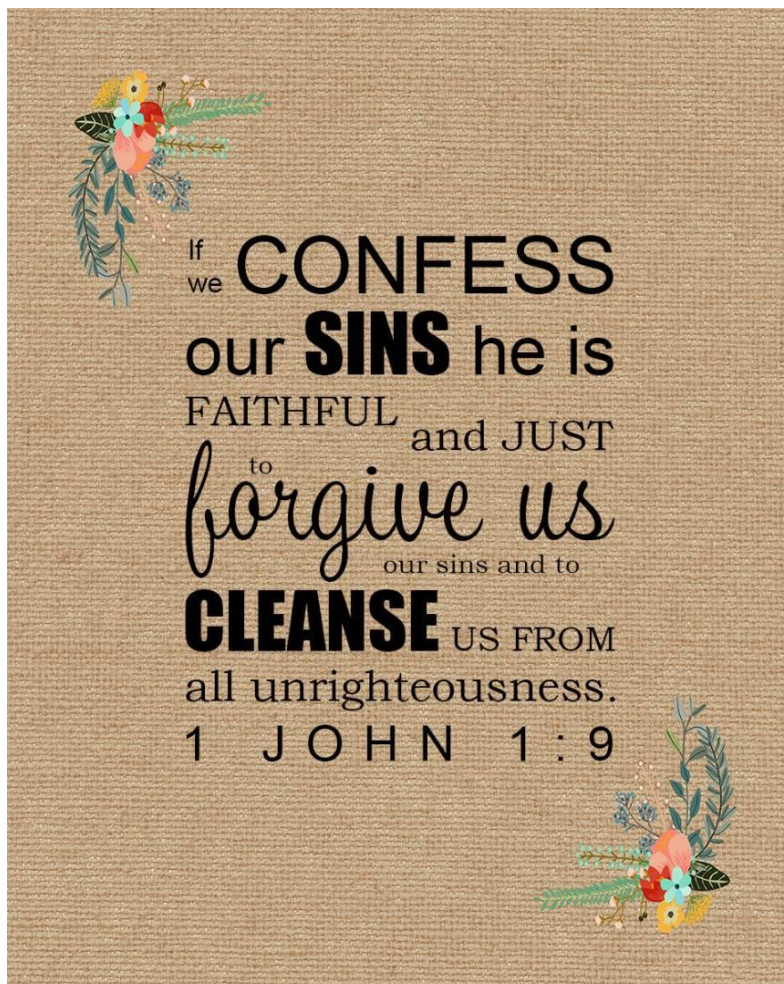


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## Our Vision

***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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L: Come, bring your burdens to God, for He hears your cries and restores your souls.

**P: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**Segala Puji Syukur

Segala puji syukur hanya bagi-Mu Tuhan  
Sebab Kau yang layak dipuja  
Kami mau bersorak, tinggikan Nama-Mu  
Haleluya

*Soraklah Haleluya, soraklah Haleluya  
Haleluya*

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song  
Waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe  
The sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ  
On that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb  
A multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
Hear His people sing

*Hallelujah, hallelujah  
For the Lord Almighty reigns  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

We will join the feast  
Rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing  
All the wonders God has done

Certain of that day  
Christ, we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the prize  
Salvation in His name

And like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
All the church will sing

Then greater will the anthem ring  
The mighty chorus rising to the King

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### Create In Me A Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
*(repeat)*

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me

CCLI Song #5872266

*"Psalm 51" words & music by Phil Laeger*

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

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4. Pray for ourselves, that we would allow God to restore us from sin. Pray against self-condemnation and the un-redeeming accusations of the evil one.

## **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 12:1-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Sin and Restoration

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## **CLOSING SONG**

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

UMH 351

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While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

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Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief

Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief

Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace

Thou the spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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**OPENING PRAYER****OPENING SONG**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates  
Behold, the King of glory waits  
The King of kings is drawing near  
The Saviour of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy

Redeemer, come, with us abide  
Our hearts to Thee we open wide  
Let us Thy inner presence feel  
Thy grace and love in us reveal

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
Until our glorious goal is won  
Eternal praise, eternal fame  
Be offered, Saviour, to Thy name!

CCLI Song #1863214

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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

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

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

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

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

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

Breathe on me, breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me, breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me, breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until with Thee I will one will  
To do and to endure

Breathe on me, breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity

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## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Sin and Restoration

Scripture Passage: 2 Samuel 12:1-25

**BIG IDEA: God's heart is to restore us from sin.**

**Key Verse: 2 Samuel 12:13a (NIV)**

*Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."*

### **Introduction**

- David had committed adultery and murder (2 Samuel 11:1-27)
- David felt that everything had been covered up
- God sent Nathan to confront David with his sin and pronounced judgment on the consequences of David's sin
- However, God restores David from sin

How God deals with sin in our lives and restores us:

### **1. The Root of Sin**

*Sin takes root when we despise God*

- When David's focus turned away from God, he started to despise all that God had done for him (2 Samuel 12:7-10,14)
- David's sense of entitlement and power made his heart insensitive to God's ways
- Sin takes root when we fail to honour God and self-entitlements replace gratitude for what God has done (and what He is doing)

### **2. The Results of Sin**

*The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23a)*

- In his sin of adultery, David destroyed a marriage (and all that Uriah's family life could have been)
- David finally resorted to the murder of a devoted servant (Uriah) to cover up his sin of adultery
- God's justice demands life for life (Deuteronomy 19:21)
- God's mercy would spare him, but God's judgment would fall on his newly born son and rebellion and death will mark his family life (2 Samuel 12:10-14)

### **3. The Restoration from Sin**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation (Psalm 51:12a)*

- David repented and acknowledged his sin (2 Samuel 12:13)
- He humbled himself before the Lord and returned to the heart of worship (2 Samuel 12:16, 20)
- God restored to David peace (Solomon) and love (Jedidah) (2 Samuel 12:24-25)
- In the fullness of time, God would send His Son, Jesus, to die so that all sins would be forgiven for those who believe in Jesus (Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 3:22-26, Romans 6:22-23)

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Sin and Restoration (2 Samuel 12:1-25)	Sin and Restoration (2 Samuel 12:1-25)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Dr Chan Kit Lam	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo, Dr Melvin Saw Mr Edwin Oon	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Ms Roshni George
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Tan Yu Ai Mrs Falonee Lim, Mrs Connie Lim	Mr Christopher Wong Mr George Tan
<b>Finance Steward</b>	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Ms Helen Aw	n/a

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mr Daniel Teh	Mrs Esther Wong
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh	Mrs Elaine Tan
<b>Musician</b>	Mrs Joyce Lau	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Ms Roshni George	Ms Roshni George
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Roshni George
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Helen Aw Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Tan Yu Ai	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
<b>Finance Steward</b>	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Khoo Boo Thye	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00pm	Galilee Kopitiam (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)

### **THURSDAY**

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting – <a href="http://bit.ly/tmcprayer">http://bit.ly/tmcprayer</a>
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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )

### **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

- Continue to intercede for an end to the Russia-Ukraine war. Pray also, for an end to escalating tensions between nations and international alliances in Asia, as well as in other parts of the world. Pray that God will guide the leaders of the nations toward unity, justice, freedom, impartiality and truth. Pray that He will intervene in nations where peace is disrupted; where peoples' lives and their rights are jeopardised.

### Nation

- Pray for the safety and well-being of the people during this holiday season and mid-term school holidays, especially for those who are travelling. Pray that this will be a time of bonding and reconnecting with family and friends. Pray that God will grant the people wisdom to prevent the spread of Covid, and that the number of cases will not rise. Pray also, for God's healing upon those who have recently contracted the virus.

### Church

- Pray that we will be faithful ambassadors of the risen Christ – pure in heart, gracious in speech, diligent in prayer as well as in the Word of God. Pray for discernment to know the Spirit's leading, and for a changed heart to love like Jesus. Pray for God's protection from evil, for faith in His provision and to follow His will. Pray also, that we may be holy and righteous so that our prayers will be powerful and effective.

### Self

- The power of Jesus' resurrection sets us free from everything that holds us bondage, and empowers us to live victoriously. Pray that God will grant us the strength and willpower to overcome the temptations and evils of this world; to stop sinning and to live a life that is God-honouring. Pray that we will always strive to live holy lives as a response to all that Jesus has done for us.

# 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:** Please contact the church office or email [office@penangtrinity.org](mailto:office@penangtrinity.org).
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## TODAY – April 23

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



## 2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

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

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*

## Faces of Trinity

April 16, 23 & 30

After service till 12:30pm

Please have your portraits taken after service. This year, we invite all small groups to gather as a small group for group photo.

## 2023 Church Camp

July 7-9 | Marina Island Pangkor Resort & Hotel

RM250 (by April 30)

RM350 (after April 30)

RM100 (Ages 4-12)

Go to <http://linktr.ee/penangtrinity> to register.

Closing date: May 31, 2023

## Prayer Intensive Training

Saturday, May 6 | 9am – 6pm

For more information or to register, contact:

Mrs Karen Chieng 012-472 9781

Mdm Geh Soon Ee 016-255 5120

The Methodist Boys' School English Reading Programme will commence on Friday, May 5, 2023 (1pm – 2:15pm). If you would like to join the team of readers, please contact Connie at 013-324 1382.

## The Alpha Course

Starting May 14, Sundays at 3pm.

For more information or to register, contact

Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551

## Our Methodist Heritage

Speaker: Pr Dato' Daniel Ho

May 27, 10am – 4pm | Registration fee: RM20

Closing date: May 19. For more information,

contact the Church Office or

Mr Saw Kim Guan 017-450 6890