

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 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."***

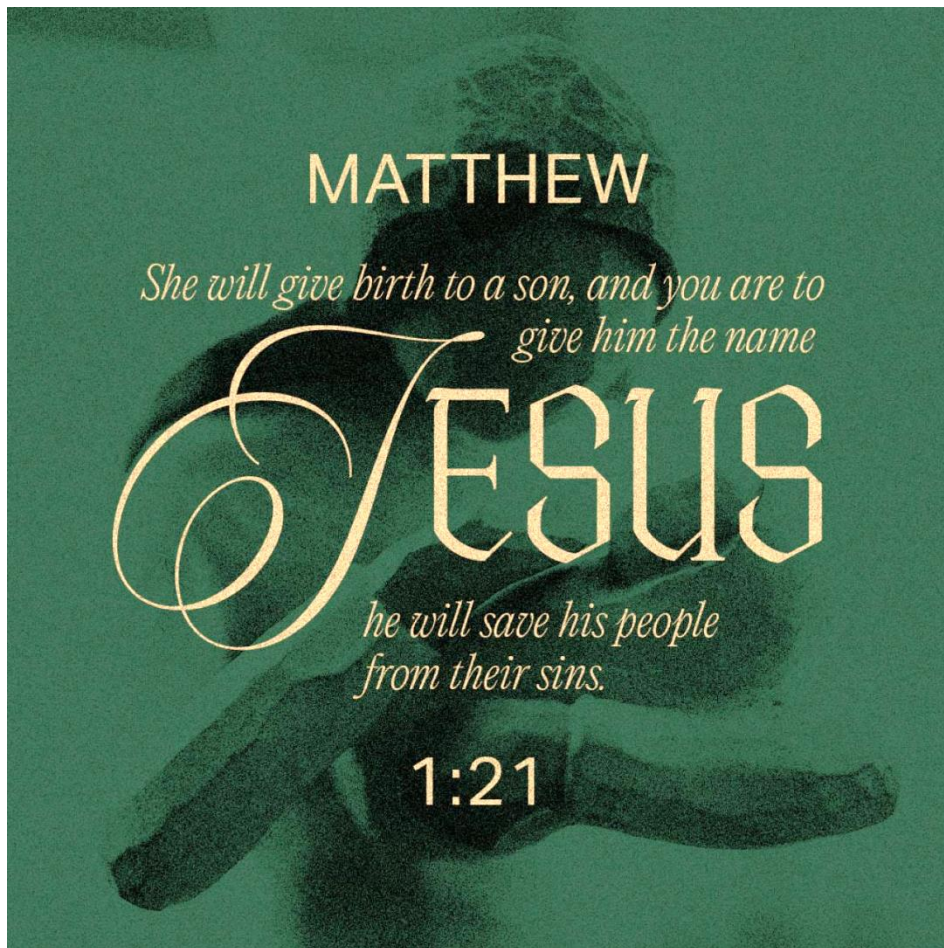


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Our Vision

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

“LORD, You are my God;
I will exalt You and praise Your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
You have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.”

Isaiah 25:1, NIV

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

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P: *God is our shelter and strength.*

L: Be still in God’s presence.

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L: He will be honoured throughout the earth.

P: *God is our shelter and strength. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

ACTS OF PRAISE

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God

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God Is Great

All creation cries to You
Worshipping in spirit and in truth
Glory to the Faithful One
Jesus Christ, God's Son

*God is great and His praise
Fills the earth, fills the heavens
And Your name will be praised
Through all the world*

All creation gives You praise
You alone are truly great
You alone are God who reigns
For eternity

*God is great, sing His praise
All the earth, all the heavens
'Cause we're living for the glory
Of Your name (The glory of Your name)*

All to You, O God we bring
Jesus, teach us how to live
Let Your fire burn in us
That all may hear, and all may see

Holy is the Lord
The whole earth sings, the whole earth sings
'Cause we're living for the glory
Of Your name, the glory of Your name

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King of Kings, Majesty

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes, I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

Earth and heaven worship You
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise

CCLI Song #1581778

"King of Kings, Majesty" words & music by Jarrod Cooper

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Crown Him King Of Kings

Crown Him King of kings, crown Him Lord of lords
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God
Emmanuel, God is with us
And He shall reign, He shall reign
He shall reign forevermore

CCLI Song #206009

"Crown Him King Of Kings" words & music by Sharon Damazio

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be an extraordinary church in how it responds to the extraordinary workings of the Lord.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would trust the Lord to never abandon us at all times, particularly when He calls us to obey in extraordinary ways.

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

Matthew 1:18-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Extraordinary Times

Mr Tan Chong Jin

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CLOSING SONG

God is Able

God is able
He will never fail
He is Almighty God
Greater than all we seek
Greater than all we ask
He has done great things

God is with us
God is on our side
He will make a way
Far above all we know
Far above all we hope
He has done great things

*Lifted up, He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His Name, we overcome
For the Lord our God is able*

God is with us, He will go before
He will never leave us (*repeat*)
God is for us, He has open arms
He will never fail us (*repeat*)

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BENEDICTION**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend
To us He'll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia! Amen!

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I need Thee every hour
Most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford

*I need Thee, O, I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour
I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour
Stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh

I need Thee every hour
In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain

I need Thee every hour
Teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfil

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH 599

Break Thou the bread of life
Dear Lord, to me
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord
My Spirit pants for Thee
O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth
Dear Lord, to me, to me
As Thou didst bless
The bread by Galilee
Then shall all bondage cease
All fetters fall
And I shall find my peace
My all in all

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CLOSING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them
Whom shall I send?

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Extraordinary Times

Scripture Passage: Matthew 1:18-25

BIG IDEA: God has done extraordinary things for us

Key Verse: Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Introduction

- God made humanity to have a relationship with Him. This relationship was broken by sin
- God works extraordinarily through His Son to redeem and save humanity from sin and death

This extraordinary time of God's salvation and the fulfilment of His promises can be experienced through the following ways:

1. Extraordinary People

Ordinary People who respond in faith to an Extraordinary God

- Joseph's initial response to the news of Mary's pregnancy showed him to be a man after God's heart (Matthew 1:19)
- Joseph responded in faith and obedience to God's revelation about Jesus and command to take Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:20-21, 24)

2. Extraordinary Promise

We experience the fulfilment of God's extraordinary promise when we embrace God's word in our hearts

- God's plan to save His people would come through the fulfilment of an extraordinary promise (Matthew 1:22-23)
- Mary and Joseph experienced the fulfilment of this extraordinary promise because they embraced God's word to them
- We must be a people whose hearts are fertile ground for God's word or promise to take root and flourish – for e.g. the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23)

3. Extraordinary Presence

God's Presence ensures His word is ultimately fulfilled

- Because Jesus is our God Immanuel (God with us), we are assured that all of God's promises would be ultimately fulfilled (Matthew 1:23, 2 Corinthians 1:20)
- All of our sacrifices and cost of obedience for the sake of Jesus would be worth the while as we experience the fulfilment of God's word and purposes in us and through us

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Extraordinary Times (Matthew 1:18-25)	Extraordinary Times (Matthew 1:18-25)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Mrs Gerviene Sya Mrs Nancy E. De Silva	n/a
Reader	Mrs Mary Wolf	Ms Vanessa Goh
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Jarreh Khoo Ms Janice Poh, Mr Edwin Oon Mr Tairven Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr Seah Por Shen, Mr Hugo Cheah	Ms Roshni George
Streaming	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
Ushers	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Tan Yu Ai, Dr Ho Seng Hooi	Dr Serena Nga Dr Tan Boon Chong
Finance Stewards	Ms Helen Aw Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Pr Gilbert Tan	Pr Gilbert Tan
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	n/a
Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Michi Ong Mr Tairven Lee, Mr Eian Chan Ms Adelya Yeoh	TBA
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Ushers	Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Teo Lay Tinn Ms Tan Yu Ai, Mr Cheong Kum Loong	Mrs Cheah Kai Choo Ms Cheah Yan Min
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Tan Kok Huat Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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
2.15pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –
Jason Chieng
3.00pm Post Alpha Small Group
Boys' Brigade

MONDAY

- 8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network
(LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

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 (1st & 3rd Wed)
11.00am Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00pm Galilee Kopitiam (2nd & 4th Wed)

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
Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)

SATURDAY

- 10:30am Permai Village Small Group –
Daniel Teh
1:30pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
Small Groups:
2.00pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
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 Japan, for God's wisdom and guidance upon its leaders as the nation plans to release treated water from Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant into the sea. Pray for God's intervention that more international expert organisations will join in the investigation and the decision-making process to ensure the safety of the people, neighbouring countries and the global environment.

Nation

- Pray that the Election Commission (EC) will ensure a peaceful, fair and clean election in Kedah, Penang, Kelantan, Terengganu Selangor and Negeri Sembilan on August 12. Pray that there will be a high turnout of eligible voters who will exercise their rights as responsible citizens, voting wisely and discerningly. Pray too, that good candidates will be nominated and elected to serve with humility and integrity.

Church

- Pray that we will remain true to God's Word as we continue to proclaim His goodness. Pray that we will emulate Christ as we encourage one another with great patience whilst holding each other accountable. Pray also, that we will be deeply committed to seeking God through prayer, bible study and self-reflection, and that our hearts will be filled with peace, joy and gratitude regardless of our circumstances.

Self

- Pray that God will grant us an extra portion of His strength, grace and love for the people around us, especially those whom we tend to avoid. Pray for a courageous spirit to persevere in times of trial. Pray that He will bring alongside mentors who will be able to guide and pray with us. Pray also, that in the midst of tiredness, the Lord will grant us rest and peace.

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 Mrs Chua Suan Ewe, Edwin & Ee Pheng, and Chan Kim Huat 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 – July 23

Communion Offering for July 2023 will go to National Economic Empowerment Coalition.

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*

CCM Sunday – August 27

Offering collection on August 27 will go to CCM.

The Alpha Course Online

Began May 14 | 3pm, Sundays

For more information or to register, contact Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551

The Alpha Course In-Person

Began June 4
3pm, Sundays

30th TRAC MSF Annual Camp

“A Grateful Life”

October 10-13, 2023 | Cititel Penang

For more information, contact Mr Tan Kok Huat
012-550 7428 | khtan1992@gmail.com

48th TRAC MW Session

October 13-15, 2023 | Novotel Hotel, Taiping
RM300

(*Early Bird – First 18 registrants before Aug 6*)
RM550 (*Normal rate*)

For more information or to register, contact:
Mrs Angela Khong 016-470 0680

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724
or submit resume to
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