

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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."***

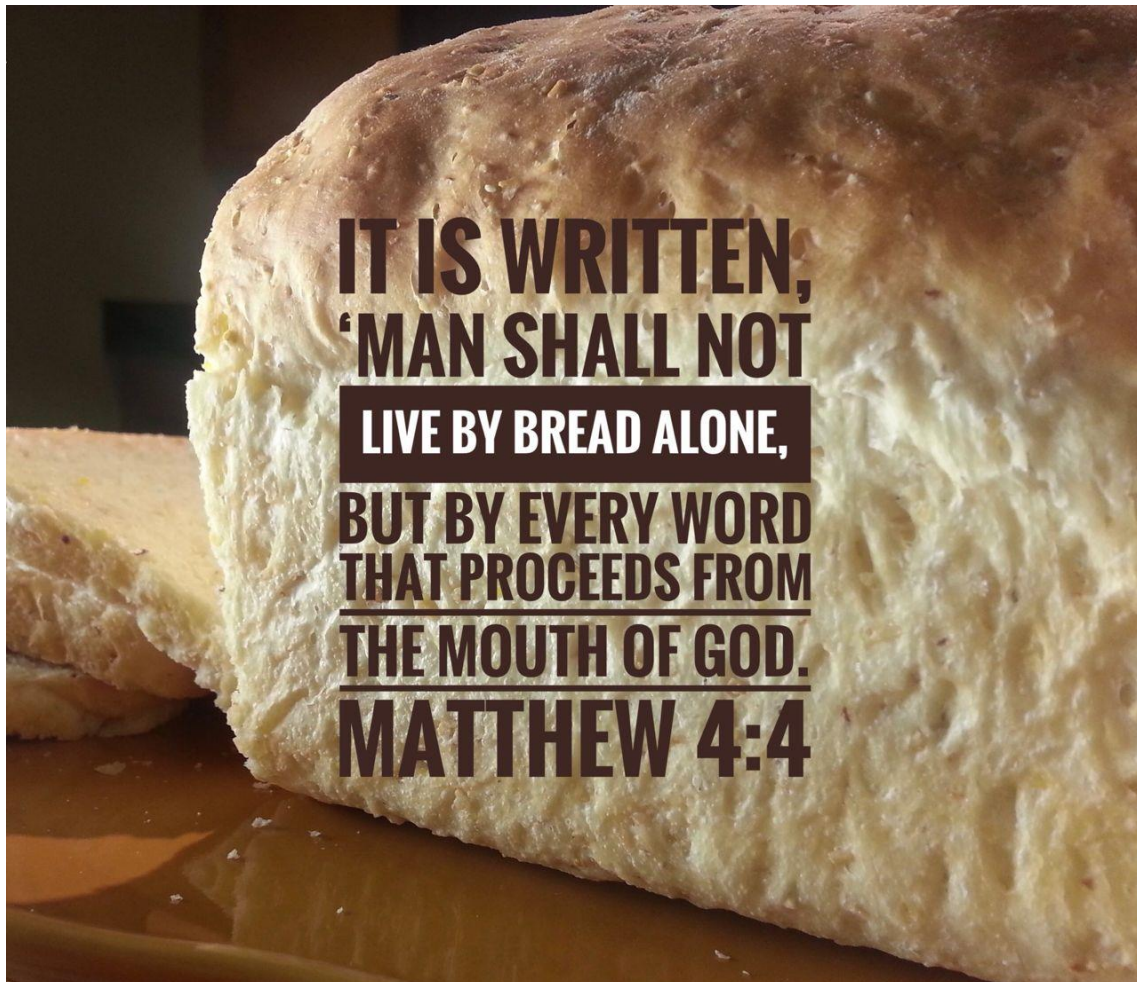


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Our Vision

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

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

James 1:12, NIV

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

L: It is God Who sustains, not the temptations of this world.

P: We follow our faithful Lord.

L: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm.

P: We follow our faithful Lord.

L: Come, let us worship the One Whom we serve.

P: We follow our faithful Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me *[repeat]*

Sing a little louder

I raise a hallelujah *[repeat]*

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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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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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2. Pray for Malaysia, that the challenges of holding a unity government together would not get in the way of good governance for the well-being of the nation.
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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 4:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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SERMON

God's Word Through the Trial

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Reflect on how God's word has spoken to you or assured you through recent trials.
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CLOSING SONG

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (repeat)*

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

CCLI Song #14301

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THREE-FOLD AMEN

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God, how great Thou art!

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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words, with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me
By His own hand, He leadeth me
His faithful follower, I would be
For by His hand, He leadeth me*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By waters still, o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

CCLI Song #62762

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CLOSING SONG

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Sing them over again to me
Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see
Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty

*Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life*

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
Wonderful words of life
Sinner, list to the loving call
Wonderful words of life
All so freely given
Wooing us to heaven

Sweetly echo the gospel call
Wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all
Wonderful words of life
Jesus, only Saviour
Sanctify forever

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God's Word Through the Trial

Scripture Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

BIG IDEA: God's Word brings us through times of testing

Key Verse: Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Introduction

- Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the Wilderness immediately after His baptism
- Jesus used God's Word throughout His testing against the devil's temptations

We are led through the time of testing as:

1. God's Word Secures Our Life

Our security is in the trustworthiness of God's Word

- The devil used Jesus' physical hunger to tempt Him to act apart from His father's time of provision (Matthew 4:1-3 cf. 4:11)
- But for Jesus, His Father's word overrides physical needs (Matthew 4:4)

2. God's Word Shapes Our Identity

Our identity is established by the sufficiency of God's Word

- The devil challenged Jesus' self-understanding of what it means to be the Son of God (Matthew 4:3,6 cf. Matthew 3:16)
- Jesus used Scripture to define how the true Son of God would live and act (Matthew 4:4,7)

3. God's Word Sharpens Our Purpose

Our purpose finds clarity through the revelation of God's Word

- The devil offered Jesus a way to accomplish His mission at the price of giving worship and allegiance to the devil (Matthew 4:8-9)
- Essentially this provides Jesus a way to win over the nations without going through the Cross
- For Jesus, God's Word leaves no room for any doubt whether He would do anything apart from what the Father required (Matthew 4:10)

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God's Word Through the Trial (<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>)	God's Word Through the Trial (<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Mak Ngai Leong
Worship Leaders	Ms Cheah Yan Li, Mr Chuah Chang En Mrs Joyce Chuah, Mr Shaun Yong	n/a
Reader	Ms Danielle Lim	Mrs Maggie Mak
Musician	Mr Jarreh Khoo, Ms Emily Ngu Mr Ivan Lee, Ms Janice Poh Mr Dominique Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Mak Ngai Leong, Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Vincent Lee, Ms Sally Koay Mrs Lim Lim Ling, Ms Tracy Ng Mrs Nicoline Koay, Mrs Janice Ong	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mr Richard Lim Leong Chnuah Mdm Falonee Tan Fong Ling	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	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Ms Shereena Yoon	
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke	Ms Lilian Yeoh
Musicians	Ms Emily Ngu, Mr Jarreh Khoo Mrs Nicoline Koay, Ms Adelya Yeoh	TBA
Sound	Ms Roshni George	Ms Roshni George
Visual	Mr Koay Choong Khai	Ms Roshni George
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Ms Tan Yu Ai, Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Sharon Wong, Dr Ho Seng Hooi	Dr Serena Nga Dr Tan Boon Chong
Finance Stewards	Ms Helen Aw Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	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
Young Families 2 – James Hii
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 Unknown Small Group – 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:
2.45pm 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
8.30pm Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Pray for the historic town of Lahaina in Maui, Hawaii. Wildfires have consumed homes, businesses and churches, leaving a path of destruction in their wake. Thousands of people have evacuated their homes to seek safety and shelter. Pray that the immediate needs of those impacted will be met. Pray also, for God's protection and strength for first responders and volunteers meeting needs on the ground.

Nation

- Pray that the walls of racial disharmony, division, mistrust, and slander are broken down. Pray that our leaders will be able to address the rise in living costs and ease the burden of the people through prudent economic policies. Pray also, that God will grant our nation's leaders wisdom and courage to navigate urgent issues, as well as the will to govern with righteousness and justice.

Church

- Pray that we will all be united as one, and rise up to be a voice to the nation; doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly before our God. Pray that we will be a church that is always aware of the needs of those around us, being moved by His teaching, example and compassion to reach out to them. Pray also, that we will obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples wherever He has placed us.

Self

- Pray that we will have a deeper understanding, able to truly comprehend and remember that God is not only merciful towards those who belong to Him, but also to those who are yet to accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour. Pray that we will be willing to open our hearts to God's call; to reach out to the ones who are hard to reach, and to love those who hate 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:** From Mrs Chua Suan Ewe in loving memory of Mr Chua Seng Hin.
- **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 – August 20

Communion Offering for August 2023 will go to Penang Hospice Society.

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*

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>

2023 Methodist Convention

“A Renewed Church”

August 26-28, 2023 | UCSI Hotel, Kuching
RM 350/pax (incl. of meals + Twin Room)

To register, go to

<https://forms.gle/m2yyEqKgauduNS83A>

MW Week of Prayer & Self-Denial

Women in the Bible

August 26 – 10am, Bethel

For more information,

contact Mrs Angela Khong at 016-470 0680

30th TRAC MSF Annual Camp

“A Grateful Life”

October 10-13, 2023 | Cititel Penang

For more information, contact Mr Tan Kok Huat

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Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

48th TRAC MW Session

RM550 (Normal rate)

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