

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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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that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

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L: We are called to bring a new hope in God:

P: *That God gives us new life.*

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

P: *Let us join together to worship and follow Jesus. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

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O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home!

A thousand ages, in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defence is sure

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all who breathe away
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and parts of China as they deal with the effects of Typhoon Saola so soon after being hit by Typhoon Doksuri last month. Pray for relief and rebuilding for all who have lost loved ones and livelihoods. Pray for the Lord's mercy and comfort, especially for the people of the hardest hit regions.
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3. Pray for our church, Penang Trinity to be a community that brings spiritual truth and life to all who belong and are connected to it.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be very intentional in how we live as Christ's ambassadors in our own families, schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods.

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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
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I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
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HOLY COMMUNION**CLOSING SONG**

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My daily labour to pursue
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak, or do

Thee may I set at my right hand
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see
And labour on at Thy command
And offer all my works to Thee

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O, let me cheerfully fulfil
In all my works Thy presence find
And prove Thy good and perfect will

For Thee delightfully employ
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BENEDICTION**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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SERMON

Salt and Light Living

Rev David Boey

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Salt and Light Living

Scripture Passage: Matthew 5:13-16

- In The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus was teaching His disciples an ethic to follow until His Kingdom was established on earth.
- How Jesus' disciples were to live from the time He gave it until the time He will return to establish His earthly Kingdom.
- In the Old Testament, the prophets looked forward to a political kingdom in which the Messiah would rule over the earth.
- The Sermon on the Mount is addressed to all of Jesus' followers.
- It is the behaviour He anticipates from us... goals for us on earth.
- Jesus was setting goals in the Beatitudes and the whole Sermon on the Mount are not impossible goals.
- Jesus wants us to strive toward these goals to master a new kind of life as we surrender and allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to empower, guide and lead us.

2 aspects Christians can be an influence on the society and community:

1. Being the Salt ... Matthew 5: 13

- God had commanded Israel to be the salt of the world.
- How could God keep the world from going bad... if Israel, as God's chosen 'salt' had lost its distinctive taste?
- We are to be like salt as followers of Jesus.
- The word "salt" refers to the role these people play in preserving society from its ills.
- If it fails to be salty, it has lost its purpose for existence and should be discarded as written in Matthew 5: 13.

2. Being the Light ... Matthew 5: 14-16

- God designated Israel as the world's light.
- That was Jesus' warning and challenge... the hilltop city of Jerusalem was meant to serve as a symbol of hope for the entire world.
- Light is intended to illuminate and provide guidance.
- Jesus did not intend for the law and the prophets to be disregarded.
- He was going to fulfil every mandate, every promise made to Israel... to make God's covenant a reality inside themselves, changing behaviours not only via instruction but through a change of heart and mind.
- Jesus made it all a reality - He was the earth's salt - He was the light of the world.
- Through His resurrection... Jesus became a beacon of hope and new life for everyone.

CONCLUSION

- The Sermon on the Mount finishes with a stern warning about the critical importance of paying attention to what Jesus is saying.
- Read **Matthew 7:12-27**

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Salt and Light Living (<i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>)	Salt and Light Living (<i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>)
Preacher	Rev David Boey	Rev David Boey
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Dr Chan Kit Lam	Ms Vanessa Goh
Musician	Mrs Audrey Tan	Ms Liew Yann Wen
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Ms Roshni George
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Ms Roshni George
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Richard Lim, Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Sally Koay, Mrs Connie Lim	Mr Tony Teh Mdm Aileen Tan
Finance Stewards	Ms Liew Chin Yee 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	Mr Kok Chik Bu	Mr Kok Chik Bu
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Alanis Yeoh	n/a
Reader	Mr Charles Teh	Mr Chuah Toh Thye
Musicians	Mrs Joyce Lau, Mr Matthew Yap Mr Edwin Oon, Mr Shane Tan	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Chuah Chang En
Visual	Mr Hugo Cheah, Mr Seah Por Shen	Mr Chuah Chang En
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Tan Siew Ngoh Ms Wong Choon Moi	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
Finance Stewards	Mr Ling Lek Chian 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
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 that God will protect the people and also the environment as Japan has started releasing treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station into the sea. Pray that the nation's leaders and the agencies concerned will be sensitive to the fears of the people. Pray also, that they will be willing to listen to the opinions from international agencies, and re-evaluate their plans if the need arises.

Nation

- Pray that our nation's leaders will reach a consensus on the vision, purpose and goal to make Malaysia a great nation. Pray that they will work together for the good of the people. Pray also, for a just and equitable resolution to unfulfilled rights and privileges under the Malaysia Agreement of 1963, which states that Sabah and Sarawak are equal partners with the Federation of Malaya in the formation of Malaysia.

Church

- Pray that we will truly sense a spirit of unity worshipping the Lord together. Pray against any divisions in the Body of Christ; that God will remove everything that hinders us from being united as one. Pray that we will always be faithful in prayer; in difficult times, and also when things are going well. Pray too, that God will give us the strength to persevere and also wait patiently as we lift up our intercessions to Him.

Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will put into our hearts the names of family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues who have yet to know Christ. Pray that God will grant us the opportunity and courage to share the gospel with them. Pray also, that the Holy Spirit will touch their hearts to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, by God's grace and His perfect timing.

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 Kevin & Ruth Tung 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 – September 3

We thank Rev David Boey for bringing God’s Word to us today.

Communion Offering for September 2023 will go to Eden Handicap Service Centre.

Coming up in September!

03 – Our Daily Bread Book Sale (*TODAY*)

22 – Renewal Service (*Friday, 8:30pm*)

23 – Renewal Service (*Saturday, 8:30pm*)

24 – Combined 66th Anniversary Service (*10am*)

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

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

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

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

RM550 (*Normal rate*)

For more information or to register, contact:

Mrs Angela Khong 016-470 0680



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

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

Vacancies:

TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

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