

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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."***

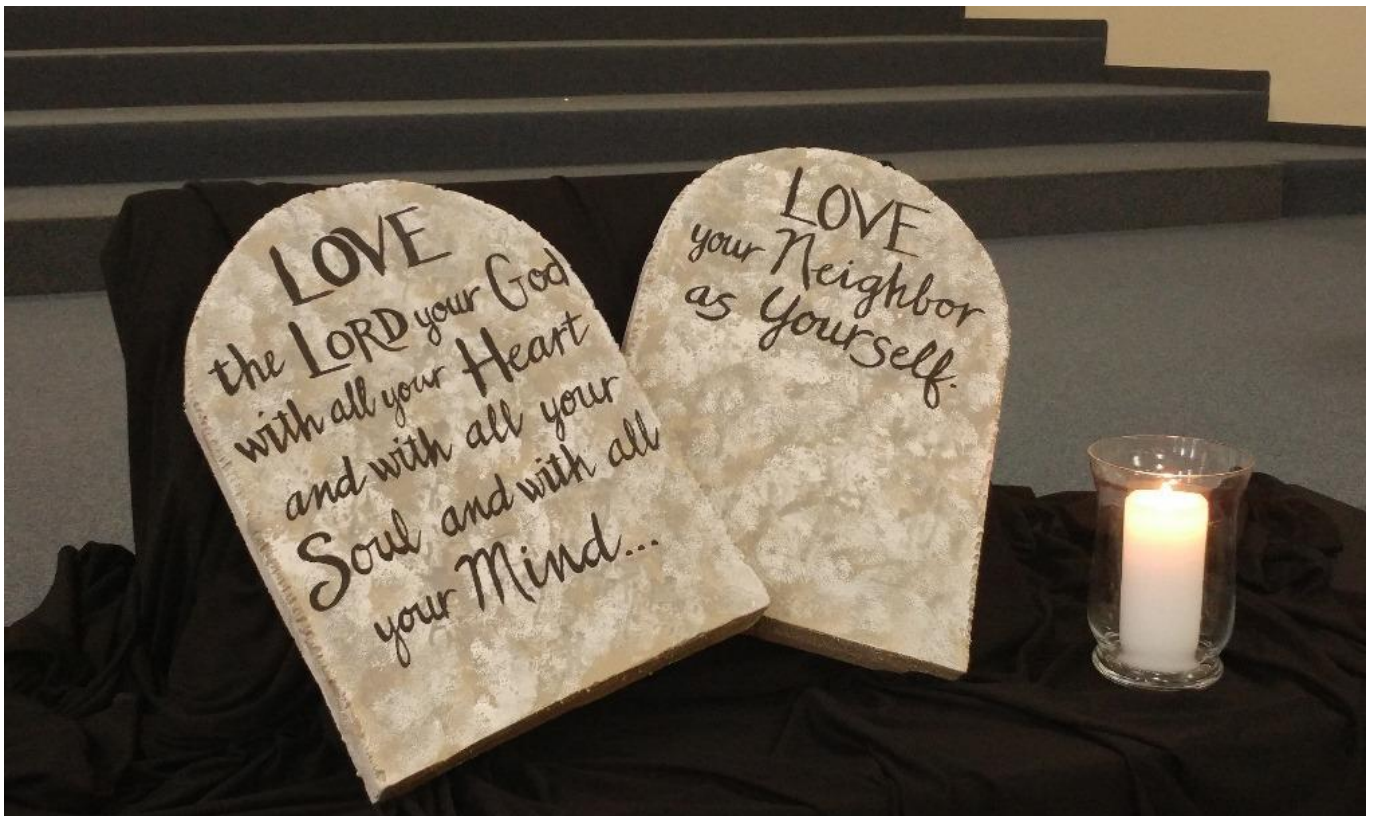


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## Our Vision

***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**

“Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

*2 Corinthians 7:1b, NIV*

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L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**P: *In keeping God's Word, there is great reward.***

L: Let us therefore bow down and worship our Maker,

**P: *Our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**I Sing the Mighty Power Of God

*There's no greater power  
Than the power of our God  
(repeat)*

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that designed  
The sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command  
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
Who filled the earth with food  
Who formed the creatures through the Word  
And then pronounced them good

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flow'r below  
But makes Your glories known  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow  
By order from Your throne  
While all that borrow life from You  
Is ever in Your care  
And everywhere that we can be  
You, God, are present there

## Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words

Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill)

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## Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the only  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him "Father"  
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

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2. Pray for Malaysia's newly installed Attorney General to perform his duties well for the sake of what is just and true in God's eyes, without fear or favour.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a church that spurs one another on towards love and good deeds.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would have clear consciences in pursuing God's standards of righteousness - not just outwardly but also inwardly.

## **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 5:17-20, 48

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

A Greater Righteousness

Mr Kok Chik Bu

**REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

**CLOSING SONG**

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within

*Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will*

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**BENEDICTION**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

I sing the almighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at God's command  
And all the stars obey

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow  
By order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that we can be  
Thou, God, art present there

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
Who filled the earth with food  
Who formed the creatures through the Word  
And then pronounced them good  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky

## **SONG OF PRAYER**

Jesus Shall Reign  
(stanzas 1, 2, 4)

UMH 157

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

To Jesus endless prayer be made  
And endless praises crown His head

His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
All prisoners leap and loose their chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all who suffer want are blest

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Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free

*Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see  
Open my ears, illumine me  
Spirit divine!*

*Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see  
Open my eyes, illumine me  
Spirit divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear  
Everything false will disappear

*Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see  
Open my heart, illumine me  
Spirit divine!*

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:17-20, 48

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

A Greater Righteousness

Mr Kok Chik Bu

## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**



## **CLOSING SONG**

## Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

Take time to be holy  
Speak oft with thy Lord  
Abide in Him always  
And feed on His Word  
Make friends of God's children  
Help those who are weak  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessing to seek

Take time to be holy  
Let Him be thy guide  
And run not before Him  
Whatever betide  
In joy or in sorrow  
Still follow the Lord  
And, looking to Jesus  
Still trust in His Word

Take time to be holy  
The world rushes on  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone  
By looking to Jesus  
Like Him thou shalt be  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see

Take time to be holy  
Be calm in thy soul  
Each thought and each motive  
Beneath His control  
Thus led by His Spirit  
To fountains of love  
Thou soon shalt be fitted  
For service above

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: A Greater Righteousness

Scripture Passage: Matthew 5:17-48

### **Introduction**

We are experts in self-rationalisation or self-justification.

### **Main Points**

I. God's moral law is still valid and applicable to us today. (vv.17-18)

- We're still under the "authority of the Law".
- We should have a high view of God's Word, like Jesus.

II. Our righteousness is determined by our conformity to the Law, even greater than that of the Pharisees (vv.19-20)

- We are not to disregard God's law or rationalise certain commands so that it's easier to obey.
- We are to return to true intent of God's law as taught by Jesus.

III. Perfect righteousness is required to enter into the kingdom of heaven. (v.48)

- Only in Christ will we have a greater righteousness than the Pharisees.

### **Challenge**

We need a new heart-righteousness.

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	A Greater Righteousness <i>(Matthew 5:17-20, 48)</i>	A Greater Righteousness <i>(Matthew 5:17-20, 48)</i>
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Kok Chik Bu	Mr Kok Chik Bu
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Ms Anna Sim	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh	Mr Chuah Toh Thye
<b>Musicians</b>	Mrs Joyce Lau, Mr Matthew Yap Mr Edwin Oon, Mr Shane Tan	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Hugo Cheah, Mr Seah Por Shen	Mr Chuah Chang En
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong Mr Khoo Boo Thye Ms Tan Siew Ngoh Ms Wong Choon Moi	Mrs Chin Peck Wan Dr Chin Chean Kok
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mr Tan Kok Huat Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Angela Khong	Mr Mak Ngai Leong
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Ryan Loke	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mrs Audrey Tan
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr Chuah Chang En	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Sharon Wong, Ms Tan Yu Ai Mr Vincent Lee, Mr Oon Chee Soon	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Khoo Boo Thye 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 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 –  
<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 (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:  
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 hope to abound as many people have been afflicted by natural disasters such as floods, droughts and forest fires. Pray that God's peace will be with all those who are suffering from grief, hardships and all kinds of trials. In challenging times such as these, pray that nations will turn to God as their source of strength and hope, and that all will come to know and experience His love, grace and provision.

### Nation

- Pray that our leaders will strive to foster unity, understanding and collaboration among all political parties. Pray that they will be committed to advancing critical institutional reforms and promoting national unity. Pray also, for increased efforts to address poverty, working towards a more equitable society, and strengthening the Ringgit so that the people are not burdened with higher food prices.

### Church

- Pray that we will adopt a submissive spirit, be transparent to the body of Christ and practice spiritual accountability as an avenue for spiritual check-up so that we may continue to gain wisdom and understanding, and magnify Christ in all situations. Pray also, that we will live in victory over difficult situations, and people will begin to see the power of God being manifested in our lives through the Gospel.

### Self

- Pray that we will choose to submit to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and allow Him to develop humility, meekness and goodness in us. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us not to do anything out of selfish ambition or foolish vanity, but develop the godly grace to regard the needs and desires of others as being more important than our own.

## 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 & Mrs Tee Kim Thye.
- 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 10

We thank Mr Kok Chik Bu for bringing God’s Word to us today.

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

### Coming up in September!

- 22 – “The life you now live”  
Renewal Service (Friday, 8:30pm)
- 23 – “Living in God's Glory”  
Renewal Service (Saturday, 8:30pm)
- 24 – “On Church Purpose (Heavenly Mission):  
Wherever He places you”  
Combined 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service (10am)

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

### 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:khtan1992@gmail.com)

### 48<sup>th</sup> TRAC MW Session

October 13-15, 2023 | Novotel Hotel, Taiping  
RM550 (Normal rate)

For more information or to register, contact:

Mrs Angela Khong 016-470 0680

### 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.

### Vacancies:

#### TMCK Teachers / Cleaner

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

[kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).

Our heartfelt condolences to Mr & Mrs Ang Sim Boo and family on the demise of their beloved daughter, Mdm Ang Boey Inn, who passed away on August 30. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of grief.

