

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

Social Concerns Sunday

October 15, 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

“The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

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P: *And to serve with righteous compassion.*

L: His Spirit has equipped us for service,

P: *To bring God’s salvation to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Days Of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine, and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes*

Inilah zaman Yehezkiel
Tulang kering dihidupkan
Dan inilah zaman hamba-Mu, Daud
Bait pujian dipulihkan

Dan inilah zaman tuaian besar
Ladang menguning di dunia
Kamilah pekerja di kebun anggur-Mu
Nyatakanlah firman Tuhan

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Yang telah ada, Yang ada, Yang 'kan datang
Who was, and Who is, and Who is to come

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek, and you shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

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Making A Difference (Won't You Lord)

Won't You Lord
Take a look at our hands
Everything we have
Use it for Your plan
Won't You Lord
Take a look at our hearts
Mold it, refine it
As You set us apart

*We want to run to the altar
And catch the fire
To stand in the gap
Between the living and the dead*

*Give us a heart of compassion
For a world without vision
We will make a difference
Bringing hope to our land*

We will answer the call
To build this church without walls
Let Your glory be shown
Bring salvation to the lost
To the lost

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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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 9:35-10:8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Being Sent Out into the Harvest

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What is the harvest field God has shown you?
2. How are you praying for the harvest field?
3. In what way can you start serving with God's authority in the harvest field this coming week?

CLOSING SONG

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

*He said "Freely, freely, You have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in My name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

UMH 569

We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right
A story of truth and mercy
A story of peace and light
A story of peace and light

We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us his Son to save us
And show us that God is love
And show us that God is love

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning
And the dawning to noonday bright
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth
The kingdom of love and light*

We've a Saviour to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God
Might come to the truth of God

We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword
And shatter the spear and sword

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I, ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

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The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal
The poor, and them that mourn
The faint and overborne
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn
Whom Christ doth heal

Christ for the world we sing
The world to Christ we bring
With one accord
With us the work to share
With us reproach to dare
With us the cross to bear
For Christ our Lord

Christ for the world we sing
The world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer
The wayward and the lost
By restless passions tossed
Redeemed at countless cost
From dark despair

Christ for the world we sing
The world to Christ we bring
With joyful song
The new-born souls, whose days
Reclaimed from error's ways
Inspired with hope and praise
To Christ belong

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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Being Sent Out into the Harvest

Scripture Passage: Matthew 9:35-10:8

BIG IDEA: Disciples are sent out to the harvest of the Kingdom

Key Verse: Matthew 9:38 (NIV)

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Introduction

- Jesus has a shepherd's heart to the lost of the people (Matthew 9:35-36)
- This echoes the LORD's heart that His people would have a shepherd over them; that the LORD Himself will be a shepherd to them (Ezekiel 34:1-16, Zechariah 10:2-3)
- Jesus saw those who are oppressed and helpless as the harvest field of His Kingdom
- Disciples are to pray for workers to be raised for the harvest and be sent into the harvest field in answer to that prayer (Matthew 9:38, Matthew 10:1, 5-8)

How God prepares us for the harvest:

1. Seeing the Harvest

Learning to see what Jesus sees

- Jesus' works of healing accompanied the preaching of the Gospel (Matthew 9:35)
- Jesus' works were not merely 'charity' but a reclaiming of lives from the powers of darkness (Acts 10:38, 1 John 3:8)
- Jesus saw people harassed and helpless as the reason for the harvest (Matthew 9:36-37, John 4:35-38)

2. Sent forth by Prayer

Prayer is the basis of being sent out to the harvest

- Jesus teaches His disciples to pray in response to what they saw in the harvest field (Matthew 9:36-38)
- It must be the Lord of the harvest who sends out the workers because divine authority is required (Matthew 10:1)
- God has been preparing the harvest field but there is now an urgency for the task of harvesting (John 4:35, 38)

3. Serving with Authority

We serve with authority when we live under authority

- Because the work of the harvest requires divine power, disciples must live under God's authority as they work
- Jesus sends out His disciples with His authority (Matthew 10:1)
- When disciples serve with authority, lives are transformed and saved into the Kingdom (Matthew 10:6-8)

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Being Sent Out into the Harvest <i>(Matthew 9:35-10:8)</i>	Being Sent Out into the Harvest <i>(Matthew 9:35-10:8)</i>
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Mr Nicholas Yeap Ms Sharon Teong	n/a
Reader	Mr Yoon Khai Cheow	Ms Lilian Yeoh
Musicians	Ms Chloe Poon, Mrs Angela Yoon Mr Ling Lek Chian, Mr Shane Tan Mr Edwin Oon	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Michele Kong, Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Ms Sally Koay, Mr Jason Chieng Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Mr Ong A Ang Mr Vincent Lee, Mr Poon Loi Cheng Mr Oon Chee Soon, Ms Wong Choon Moi	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong Mr Khoo Boo Thye	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Two Parables on Servanthood in Luke <i>(Luke 12:35-38; 17:7-10)</i>	Two Parables on Servanthood in Luke <i>(Luke 12:35-38; 17:7-10)</i>
Preacher	Rev Hwa Jen	Rev Hwa Jen
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Mrs Rosalind Khoo	Mrs Maggie Mak
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	TBA
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Ms Michele Kong, Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Joshua Timothy
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Finance Stewards	Liew Chin Yee Mr Richard Lim Leong Chnuah Mdm Falonee Tan Fong Ling	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 Israel, as terrorists have been walking the streets along the southern parts and borders of Gaza shooting individuals and kidnapping family members. Pray for the safety and well-being of the hostages; that will be released quickly, unharmed. Pray also, for Prime Minister Netanyahu and Israel's leaders, that God would grant them His wisdom and discernment to protect their nation and its people.

Nation

- Pray for clean air, as the Air Pollution Index (API) readings have shown unhealthy conditions in several locations across the nation. Pray for wind and rain to clear the air. Pray that God will grant our leaders wisdom and direction as they work to prevent the situation from deteriorating. Pray also, for God's protection upon the people, especially the elderly and those who struggle with respiratory conditions.

Church

- Pray that God will use Penang Trinity to be the bearer of Good News to the people around us. Pray that the Lord will give us a heart of compassion towards those who are distressed and depressed. Pray that He will instil upon our hearts a burden for the lost. Pray too, that He will move us out of our comfort zones to reach out to those who have yet to know or experience His love in their lives.

Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to strengthen our prayer life. When events come along that threaten our peace or cause us to worry, we will seek the Lord in prayer and surrender our burdens to Him. Pray also, that God will protect us against the distractions and chaos of the world so that we may live in obedience to His Word, and that He may be glorified in 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 Grace 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 – October 15

We thank South Zone I Small Groups for leading worship this morning.

Communion Offering for October 2023 will go to Lighthouse Kapit Sarawak.

Coming up in October!

22 – MSF Sunday

2023 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2023>



10AM / 5PM Service

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

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.

We have increased our parking capacity to 150 lots. If you are coming from the south, there is ample parking at Life Hope Centre. Our RELA team will guide you.