

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

MSF Sunday

October 22, 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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**P: *When I am old and grey-headed, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation and Your power to everyone who is to come. Amen.***

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

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Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
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Wellspring of the joy of living  
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Lift us to the joy divine

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Centre of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
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## **DOXOLOGY**

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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**

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UMH 454

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**SERMON**

Two Parables on Servanthood in Luke

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Arm me with jealous care  
As in Thy sight to live  
And oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!

To serve the present age  
My calling to fulfil  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!

Help me to watch and pray  
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## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Two Parables on Servanthood in Luke

Scripture Passage: Luke 12:35-38; 17:7-10

Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### Introduction

The word "Servant/Slave" (*doulos*) is used more than 30x in Luke.

Four parables on servanthood (Luke 12:35-38; 12:42-48; 17:7-10; 19:11-27).

#### 1. Luke 12:34-38

- a) What is the servant to do.
- b) What is the Master's attitude to the servant?

#### 2. Luke 17:7 -10

- a) What is the servant to do?
- b) What is the servant's attitude to himself?

**Know:** That You are the Servant of the Most High God, by His mercy and grace.

**Be:** Be like Jesus our Lord and Master, who humbled Himself and took on the form of servant/slave (Philippians 2:7), in order that He might show us His love and to save us.

**Do:** Ask the Lord to show you what He has given you to do. And resolve to fulfil the tasks or ministry that He has assigned you, whether big or small, with joy and thanksgiving, by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit,  
-- so that you may hear say "Well done, good and faithful servant"

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	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>
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Hwa Jen	Rev Hwa Jen
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Rosalind Khoo	Mrs Maggie Mak
<b>Musician</b>	Dr Melvin Saw	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Michele Kong, Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Joshua Timothy
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Sally Koay Ms Emmy Chia, Ms Heng Khai Ting	Dr Tan Boon Chong Dr Serena Nga
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	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>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Sally Koay	Mr Kevin Tung
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo, Ms Janice Poh Ms Adelya Yeoh, Mrs Joyce Lau	Ms Liew Yann Wen
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<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Sharon Wong, Mrs Maggie Mak Mr Mak Ngai Leong, Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr George Tan Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Helen Aw, Ms Janet Yeoh	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 (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 Israel and the Palestinian territories. Pray that God will comfort and protect those who are in pain, fearful, grieving, suffering, being held captive or taken hostage. Pray that God's love and peace will prevail, and that their leaders will work towards reconciliation and lasting peace. Pray also, that God will strengthen the churches so that they may serve as a beacons of hope.

### Nation

- Pray that our government will strive to advance crucial institutional reforms and promote national unity. Pray for the strengthening of the Ringgit so that the people will not be unduly burdened by rising prices and shortage of food staples. Pray also, for the anti-smoking Bill, which aims to stop the rise in nicotine addiction and shield the next generation from unregulated nicotine-based products.

### Church

- Pray that God will multiply the strength and wisdom of the seniors in our midst that they may continue to faithfully glorify Him in all that they set their hearts and minds to do. Pray that we will find joy in walking together with them as we learn from them, and seek their wisdom for our lives. Pray also, for those who are in need of care and help, that God will use us to bless and touch their lives according to His grace and mercy.

### Self

- Pray that we will spend time in solitude and silence to hear what the Spirit is saying, and to genuinely seek God's will for our lives. Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to see with the eyes of faith, and not from our own human point of view. Pray that He will give us a spirit of obedience to follow Christ without fear or hesitation, knowing that He is always with us, leading the way.

## 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 Nellie Lim & family in Thanksgiving, and from Maggie Mak – Blessed MSF Sunday.
- 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 22

We thank Rev Hwa Jen for bringing God’s Word to us today.

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

### 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.

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.

### 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).

### MW AGM

November 3, 10am  
Venue: Bethel