

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG

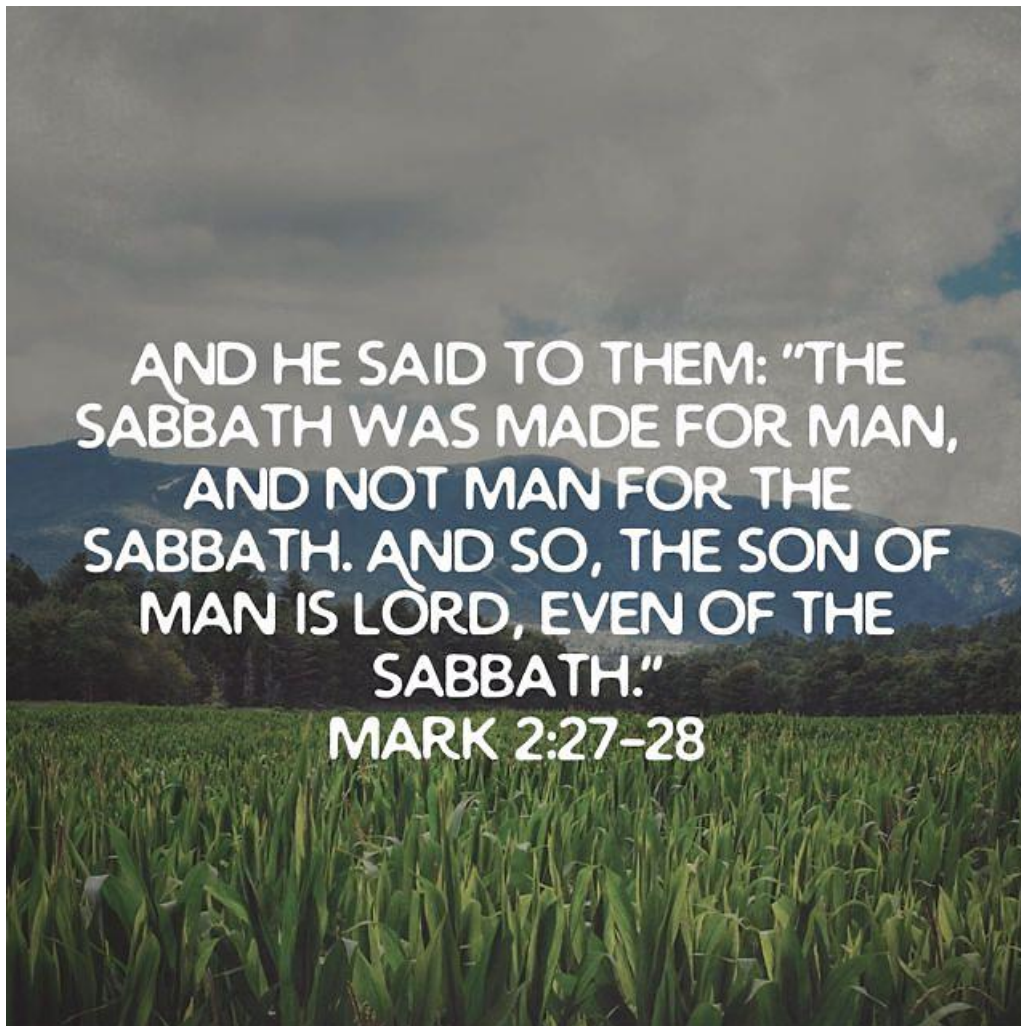


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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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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L: Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise.

**P: *We come to have our hearts stirred, and our eyes opened wide. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**For All You've Done

My Saviour, Redeemer  
Lifted me from the miry clay  
Almighty, forever  
I will never be the same

'Cause You came near  
From the everlasting  
To the world we live  
The Father's only Son

And You lived, and You died  
And You rose again on high  
And You opened the way  
For the world to live again  
Hallelujah, for all You've done

## We Praise You

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy  
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety  
Let it rise, let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark and it changes everything  
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory  
Let it rise, let praise arise

*We'll see You break down every wall  
We'll watch the giants fall  
For fear cannot survive when we praise You  
The God of breakthrough's on our side  
Forever lift (Him) (You) high  
With all creation cry, God we praise You*

Oh, we praise You, oh

Let faith be the song that overcomes the raging sea  
Let faith be the song that calms the storm inside of me  
Let it rise, let faith arise

Oh, we praise You, oh, we praise You  
Oh, we praise You, oh, we praise You

This is what living looks like  
This is what freedom feels like  
This is what Heaven sounds like  
We praise You, we praise You

Oh, we praise You, oh, we praise You  
Oh, we praise You, oh give Him all Your praise

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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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## Magnificent

Who compares to You?  
Who set the stars in their place?  
You who calmed the raging seas  
That came crashing over me

*You are magnificent  
Eternally wonderful, glorious  
Jesus, no one ever will compare  
To You, Jesus*

Who compares to You?  
You who bring the morning light  
The hope of all the earth  
Is rest assured in Your great love

When the evening fades  
You call forth songs of joy  
As the morning wakes  
We Your children give You praise

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Pray for countries across the world that struggle with access to basic needs like food, water, health care, and education. Pray against the cycle of poverty in these areas, especially those caused by war, oppression, and other man-made causes.
2. Pray for Malaysia's education system, that young minds would be equipped well to think and decide for themselves as adults, for the right reasons.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity, that we would be a church that operates based on convictions informed by the Word of God.
4. Pray for ourselves, that our journey of discipleship would be one rooted in relationship with God, not an impersonal religious set of rules.

## **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.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 12:1-14

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## **SERMON**

Seeing God's Law Through His Eyes

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## **REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

## **CLOSING SONG**

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To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigning  
Bears thee on eagle's wings, ever in His keeping maintaining  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds  
Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
Who with His love doth befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, Who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed  
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

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My faith looks up to Thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary  
Saviour divine!  
Now hear me while I pray  
Take all my guilt away  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread  
And grief's around me spread  
Be Thou my guide  
Bid darkness turn to day  
Wipe sorrow's tears away  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure warm and changeless be  
A living fire!

When ends life's transient dream  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll  
Blest Saviour, then in love  
Fear and distrust remove  
O bear me safe above  
A ransomed soul!

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace  
(2x)

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	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Seeing God's Law Through His Eyes <i>(Matthew 12:1-14)</i>	Seeing God's Law Through His Eyes <i>(Matthew 12:1-14)</i>
<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>	Ms Rachel Lee, Mr Amos Lau Mrs Joyce Lau , Ms Adelya Yeoh	Ms Liew Yann Wen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Michele Kong, Mr Koay Choong Khai	Mr Joshua Timothy
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<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

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	The Unexpected Growth of God's Kingdom <i>(Matthew 13:10-17, 31-34)</i>	The Unexpected Growth of God's Kingdom <i>(Matthew 13:10-17, 31-34)</i>
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Mary Wolf	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	Ms Chang Jia Ren	Ms Liew Yann Wen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Richard Lim, Mrs Falonee Lim Ms Sally Koay, Mrs Connie Lim	Mr Tony The Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	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 nations experiencing conflict or war. Pray that God will grant world leaders the discernment and courage to cooperate in the pursuit of peace. Pray for God's comfort upon those who have lost loved ones and His healing upon those who have been injured. Pray also, that He will protect those who have been taken hostage or held captive, that He will set them free and bring them back safely to their families.

### Nation

- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance upon our leaders, and for a more responsible, respectful and principled opposition coalition that will consistently provide proper checks and balances on our nation's policies. Pray also, for good policy coordination and effective implementation of fiscal and monetary management by the cabinet ministers, the Ministry of Finance, and Bank Negara Malaysia to curb inflation.

### Church

- Pray that God will open our eyes and enable us to see His purpose for Penang Trinity; that we will be attentive to His still small voice as He reveals His will to us. Pray that we will encourage one another in the work and ministries of God. Pray also, that we will be shining witnesses wherever God has placed us as we grow in faith, hope and holiness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Self

- Pray that we will strive to see God clearly and know Him fully, even as we are fully known and loved by Him. Pray that He will open our eyes, enlighten our hearts and heal us from spiritual blindness; that we will be able to see things more clearly from His perspective. Pray also, that God will grant us the strength and perseverance to spend time communing with Him daily.

## 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: Please contact the church office or email [office@penangtrinity.org](mailto:office@penangtrinity.org).
- 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 29

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



### Coming up in November!

03 – MW AGM

18 – MSF AGM / Thanksgiving Service

25 – 6<sup>th</sup> LCEC Meeting

### 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*

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service starting November 5 at The Solid Rock. Lunch options will also be available for sale between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For takeaways, please bring your own containers.

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>. All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

Asia Community Services and St Nicholas Home for the Blind wish to express their gratitude to the church for supporting their work through your purchases of their goods and services totaling RM3766 on Social Concerns Sunday, October 15 recently. They appreciate your generosity and convey their many thanks again.

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.

### MW AGM

November 3, 10am

Venue: Bethel