

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

***"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***

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**P: *Happy are we when we walk in Your ways, O Lord. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**God Is Good All The Time

*God is good all the time*

*He put a song of praise*

*In this heart of mine*

*God is good all the time*

*Through the darkest night*

*His light will shine*

*God is good, God is good*

*All the time*

If you're walkin' through the valley

And there are shadows all around

Do not fear, He will guide you

He will keep you safe and sound

'Cause He has promised to never leave you

Nor forsake you, and His Word is true

We were sinners, so unworthy

Still for us He chose to die

Filled us with His Holy Spirit

Now we can stand and testify

That His love is everlasting

And His mercies, they will never end

Though I may not understand

All the plans You have for me

My life is in Your hands

And through the eyes of faith

I can clearly see

God is good, He's so good (3x)

All the time

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## What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

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## Still

Hide me now  
Under Your wings  
Cover me  
Within Your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise  
And thunders roar  
I will soar with You  
Above the storm*

*Father You are King  
Over the flood  
I will be still and know  
You are God*

Find rest my soul  
In Christ alone  
Know His power  
In quietness and trust

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## ***A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY***

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

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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.

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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**                      1 Kings 19:1-21

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## **SERMON**

An Unexpected Outcome

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

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## **CLOSING SONG**

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In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
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Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned

How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
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Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
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  
Which the morning stars began  
Love divine is reigning o'er us  
Binding all within its span  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

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Happy the home when God is there  
And love fills every breast  
When one their wish, and one their prayer  
And one their heavenly rest

Happy the home where prayer is heard  
And praise is wont to rise  
Where parents love the sacred Word  
And all its wisdom prize

Happy the home where Jesus' name  
Is sweet to every ear  
Where children early speak His fame  
And parents hold Him dear

Lord, let us in our homes agree  
This blessed peace to gain  
Unite our hearts in love to Thee  
And love to all will reign

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### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea (*stanzas 1-4*)

UMH 357

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: An Unexpected Outcome

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-21

**BIG IDEA: God's response may not be what you want Him to act, but He acts nevertheless in His Way, His Time and for His Purposes.**

### Outline

- Elijah Flees
  
- God Pursues
  
- Takeaways – here and there
  
- Mother's Day Application

**KNOW:** that God's purposes, ways and timing are often not we want or expect.

**BE:** careful that we do not insist nor make the mistake that God (can) only work out his purposes in a spectacular or dramatic manner.

**DO:** Seek to intimately know God even when He speaks in gentle whispers and still small voices.

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

|                          | <u>10.00 am Service</u>  | <u>5.00 pm Service</u>                     |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Sermon Title/Text</b> | An Unexpected Outcome<br>(1 Kings 19:1-21)   | An Unexpected Outcome<br>(1 Kings 19:1-21) |
| <b>Preacher</b>          | Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang  | Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang                        |
| <b>Liturgist</b>         | n/a  | Mr Lim Lai Keat                            |
| <b>Worship Leaders</b>   | Mr Amos Lau, Mrs Lee Wee Lyn   | n/a  |
| <b>Reader</b>            | Mr Lawrence Hii  | Ms Selina Ngu                              |
| <b>Musicians</b>         | Mrs Joyce Lau, Ms Emily Ngu<br>Mr Euan Chan / Mr Edwin Oon<br>Mr Eian Chan, Mr Tairven Lee | Mrs Audrey Tan                             |
| <b>Sound</b>             | Mr Daniel Purba, Mr Jason Tham   | Mr Andrew Lee                              |
| <b>Visual</b>            | Ms Michele Kong  | Mr Joshua Timothy                          |
| <b>Streaming</b>         | Mr David Law   | n/a  |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh<br>Ms Wong Choon Moi, Mrs Joanna Tham                | Ms Aileen Tan<br>Ms Lilian Yeoh            |
| <b>Finance Stewards</b>  | Mr Ling Lek Chian<br>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>          | Rev Shearn Sya  | Rev Shearn Sya                         |
| <b>Liturgist</b>         | Ms Iris Ang   | Dr Cheah Ui Hock                       |
| <b>Reader</b>            | Mr Charles Teh  | Mrs Lilian Teoh                        |
| <b>Musicians</b>         | Mr Bernard Lee  | Ms Amelia Loo / Ms Emily Ngu           |
| <b>Sound</b>             | Mr Mark Chieng  | Mr William Ng                          |
| <b>Visual</b>            | Ms Tan Yu Ai  | Mr William Ng                          |
| <b>Streaming</b>         | Ms Wong Fong Yi   | n/a                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting<br>Ms Wong Siew Eng, Mr Oon Chee Soon | Ms Cheah Yan Min<br>Mrs Cheah Kai Choo |
| <b>Finance Stewards</b>  | Mrs Wan Soo Har, Ms Cheong Sau Chan                                       | n/a                                    |

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

### **SUNDAY**

- 10.00am Worship Service in English  
Church School
- 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**

- 10.00am Tanjung Bungah Small Group –  
Chan Chen Weng
- 8.00pm Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network  
(LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong

### **TUESDAY**

- 7.00pm Young Adults III Small Group –  
Gerviene Sya

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 10.00am Line Dancing  
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**

- 10.00am Island Glades Small Group –  
Tan Kok Huat (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)
- 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) – Loo Li Lin
- 8.30pm Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
- Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
- Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen

### **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 – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for people around the world who have been impacted by natural disasters such as volcano eruptions, heavy rains, wildfires, earthquakes, and tornadoes. Pray that God will grant them comfort and strength as they struggle with their loss. Pray also, that God will protect the people from more harm and diseases. As the authorities work to rebuild what has been lost in their communities, pray for God's wisdom and direction.

### Nation

- Pray that God will grant wisdom and discernment to people in Malaysia to recognize scammers' attempts to trick us. Pray that He will help the authorities to take preventive and decisive action against these scammers; that their evil schemes will be exposed. Pray that these scammers will be led to repentance and stop their deceptive acts. Pray also, that God will console those who have suffered losses.

### Church

- Pray that all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, grandaunts, and women in our church, will be a blessing to the younger generation and those under their care, and that God will grant them the strength to love, nurture and guide. Pray also, for divine protection over the youths in our midst, especially from the negative influences of the digital world; that their faith and wisdom from God will grow with each passing day.

### Self

- Pray that God will guide and help us to be more loving and compassionate towards others. Pray that we will radiate God's love to those around us, that He will grant us the courage to not turn away when we see a need arising. Pray also, that God will give us a spirit of willingness to go the extra mile and use our lives to bring change to the communities that He has placed us in.

## 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).
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### TODAY – May 12

Communion Offering for May 2024 will go to Persatuan Penyayang Warga Tua Pulau Pinang (Grace Harmony Home).

### Coming up in May!

12 – Mother’s Day (*TODAY*)

18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> LCEC Meeting

26 – MYF Sunday



### 2024 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2024>

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

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

### Baptism & Membership Class

Commences May 2024.

If interested, please contact the church office.

### Pray for Malaysia

May 19, 8pm – 9pm

To join, go to <https://pray.smced.org/>

Breakfast options will be available for sale between 9am – 10am, whilst refreshments will be served after the 10am service at The Solid Rock. Lunch options will also be available for sale between 11:30am – 1:30pm. For takeaways, please bring your own containers.

### MW Retreat

May 14-15, 2024 | Penang Hill

For more information,  
contact Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551.

### Vacancies: TMCK Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724  
or submit resume to  
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