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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Social Concerns Sunday

July 14, 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."***

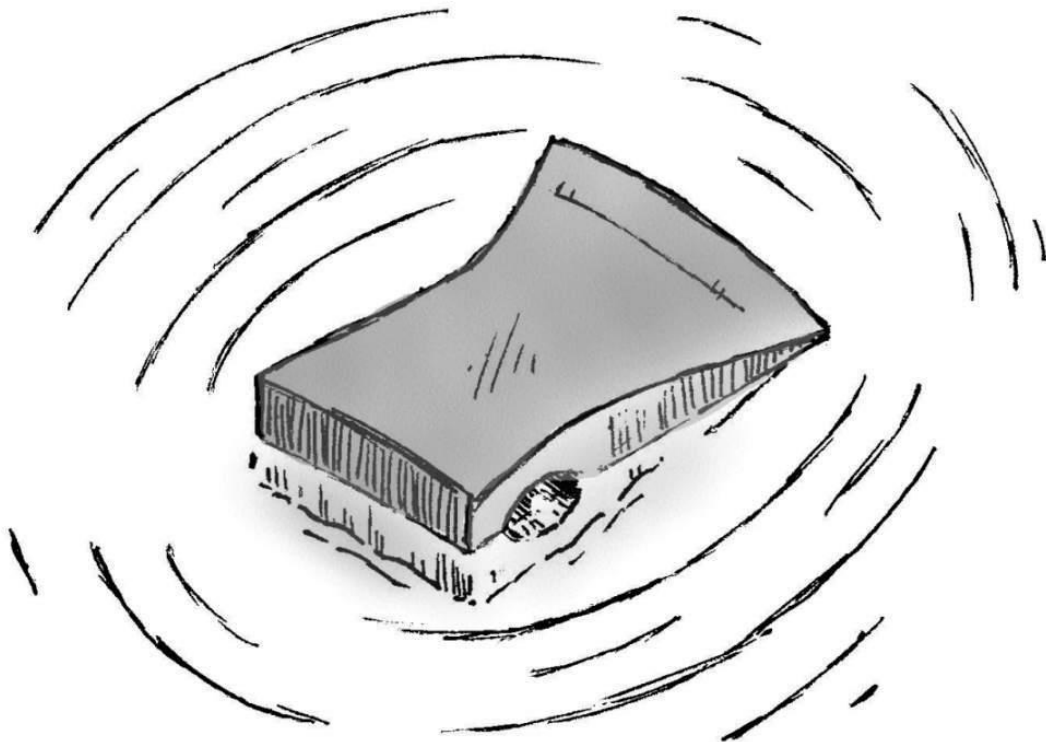


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Our Vision

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***

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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Ephesians 2:10, NIV

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

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P: To carry God’s salvation to the ends of the earth.

L: The Holy Spirit dwells in us,

P: Giving us strength to do God’s work. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**Praise

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord (2x)

I’ll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I’ll praise when I’m sure
Praise when I’m doubting
I’ll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the anchor
My soul can be strong in

I’ll praise when I feel it
And I’ll praise when I don’t
I’ll praise 'cause I know
You’re still in control
'Cause my praise is a shield and
It’s more than a sound
My praise is defending
From what brings me down

I won’t be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside

As long as I’m breathing
I’ve got a reason to

I’ll praise 'cause You’re sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I’ll praise 'cause You’re faithful
Praise 'cause You’re true
Praise 'cause there’s nobody greater than You

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

God Is Here

Oh, oh, oh, oh

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see You
Open our hearts Lord, we want to know You
Open our ears Lord, we need to hear You
Jesus be revealed, Jesus be revealed

*God is here, God is here
God is here, He is able
We draw near to see Jesus face to face
God is here, God is here
God is here, He is faithful
We draw near, to see Jesus
Oh Jesus be revealed*

Open Your gates, Lord, reveal Your glory
Open the nations, establish Your Kingdom
Open the heavens, pour out Your Spirit
Jesus be revealed, Jesus be revealed

Holy, we cry holy
Hallelujah, God is here
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We Seek Your Kingdom

We seek Your kingdom throughout every sphere
We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus, Your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society

Before all things, in Him all things were made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square

Fill all who lead with Your integrity
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe Your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may Your authority
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a compassionate church that loves the outcast like Jesus did.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be sensitive to the Spirit's voice in how God wants to use us to meet the needs of those around us.

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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for online transfers.*

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

2 Kings 6:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How's your Axe Head?

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

As Bread That Is Broken

Many hearts are hungry tonight
Many trapped in darkness
Yearn for the light
So many who are far from home
And many who are lost
O Lord Your wounded children
Need the power of Your cross

*As bread that is broken
Use our lives
As wine that is poured out
A willing sacrifice*

*Empower us Father
To share the love of Christ
As bread that is broken Lord
Use our lives*

Help us to begin where we are
Help us love the people
Near to our hearts
Then give our faith a mission field
Wherever You may call
Lord love Your world through each of us
Until we've touched them all

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him hallelujah
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Thou flowing water pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Thou fire so masterful and bright
That givest man both warmth and light
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye hallelujah
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him hallelujah
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

SONG OF PRAYER

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight
And tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross
Before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom
And point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 6:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How's your Axe Head?

Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang

CLOSING SONG

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

*Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey*

Not a shadow can rise
Not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away
Not a doubt nor a fear
Not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey

Not a burden we bear
Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favour He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: How's your Axe Head?

Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 6:1-7

The Axe Head represents:

- 1) Our gifting, talent, and time – to serve, to meet spiritual, social, financial, psychological, physical, societal, ... needs
- 2) Our entrustment with of our gifts, talents and time which are all borrowed - God is the true owner, we are stewards
- 3) Our accountability on how we employ and use our gifts, talents and time in whatever ministry we are in

Takeaway Lessons:

- 1) Take Initiatives - look outwards, recognize, take steps to meet those needs
- 2) Take Stock - look inwards, recognize improper motives, sins and make right with God
- 3) Take Action - look towards Jesus; He will provide and bring help in time of need

KNOW: that Jesus ministered to the poor while on earth, and His Church as a similar social needs ministry alongside the ministry of reconciliation

BE: open and ready to employ your gifts, talents and time to meet social needs. “The poor you will always have with you” Mt 26:11a

DO: NOT be discouraged should your axe heads become blunt or come loose! Call unto Him and trust in His interventions

Discussion Questions:

- 1) In what ways and how best can I TAKE INITIATIVE in recognizing and meeting social needs?
- 2) In what ways and how best can I TAKE STOCK of the condition of my ‘axe head’ to maintain my effectiveness
- 3) In what ways and how best can I TAKE ACTION to retrieve my ‘axe head’ from river bottoms should that happen to me?

Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Mat 9:37

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	How's your Axe Head? (2 Kings 6:1-7)	How's your Axe Head? (2 Kings 6:1-7)
Preacher	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh	n/a
Reader	Mr Charles Teh	Ms Selina Ngu
Musicians	Mrs Joyce Lau, Ms Emily Ngu Mr Edwin Oon, Mr Tairven Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Hugo Cheah	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Mrs Joanna Tham Ms Wong Choon Moi, Ms Tan Siew Ngoh	Ms Tan Yu Ai Ms Lilian Yeoh
Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Mr Ryan Loke	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Emily Ngu
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Oon Chee Soon, Ms Pauleen Khoo Ms Heng Khai Ting, Mrs Heng Ah Leak	Dr Serena Nga Dr Tan Boon Chong
Finance Stewards	Mrs Wan Soo Har Ms Cheong Sau Chan	n/a

WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 10.00am Worship Service in English
Church School
- 12.00pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –
Jason Chieng
- 12.30pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
- 1.30pm Young Families 1 Small Group –
Tairven Lee
Young Families 2 – James Hii
Post Alpha Small Group
- 3.00pm 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 (1st & 3rd Wed)
- 11.00am Church Office Staff Meeting
- 3.00pm Galilee Kopitiam (2nd & 4th Wed)

THURSDAY

- 10.00am Island Glades Small Group –
Tan Kok Huat (2nd & 4th)
- 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

- Continue to pray for an end to the wars between Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and other nations, recognizing that many people living in these regions are suffering and unable to rebuild their lives, longing for peace and reconciliation. Pray that God will grant all world leaders the wisdom, discernment, and humility to work towards a mutually beneficial treaty, and lasting peace.

Nation

- Pray that the Rakan Muda programmes will be intensified to strengthen unity, national integration, and youth human capital in realising the Madani Youth Development Model 2030. Pray also, that our Education Ministry will accelerate its agenda to raise the nation's education standard, particularly the restructuring of the preschool system, the 2027 School Curriculum, and to address student dropout.

Church

- Pray that we will be a source of comfort and joy to the people in our midst. Pray that we, His church, will manifest the Spirit-empowered character that is overflowing with love, compassion and understanding. Pray also, that we will be known as God's children by our faith, our character, our words, our actions, and our service to one another, doing everything we do for the love of Christ.

Self

- Pray that we will experience His forgiveness and freedom from the bondages of sin and death as we surrender ourselves wholly to God. Pray that we will always hunger for God's Word, embracing the power of the Gospel and allowing it to transform our lives. Pray also, that we will honour our vows, upholding our responsibility and accountability to Him.

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 Lim Shih Tsing 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 – July 14

Communion Offering for July 2024 will go to Penang Hospice Society.

Coming up in July!

20 – 4th LCEC Meeting

2024 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2024>

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

Breakfast options will be available for sale between 9am – 10am. For takeaways, please bring your own containers. Refreshments will be served after the 10am service at The Solid Rock.

Pray for Malaysia

July 21, 8pm – 9pm

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

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724
or submit resume to
kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.



10AM / 5PM Service

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