

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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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**P: *Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.***

**OPENING PRAYER****ACTS OF PRAISE**

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You would lay down your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King  
Who conquered the grave  
(repeat)  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

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## To You

Here I stand, forever in Your mighty hand  
Living with Your promise written on my heart  
I am Yours, surrendered wholly to You  
You set me in Your family, calling me Your own

*Now I, I belong to You  
All I need, Your Spirit, Your word, Your truth  
Hear my cry, my deep desire  
To know You more*

*In Your name, I will lift my hands  
To the King, this anthem of praise I bring  
Heaven knows, I long to love You  
With all I am (I belong to You)*

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"To You" words & music by Darlene Zschech

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## All The Heavens

Holy, holy, are You Lord  
The whole earth is filled  
With Your glory  
Let the nations rise to give  
Honour and praise to Your name

Let Your face shine on us  
And the world will know You live

All the heavens shout Your praise  
Beautiful is our God  
The universe will sing  
Hallelujah, to You our King

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CCLI Song #3490585

"All The Heavens" words & music Reuben Morgan

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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**

2 Kings 15:8-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

Downward Spiral

Rev Shearn Sya

**RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

Mr Chew Kien Ting (Michael)  
Ms Lim Bee Sock (Catherine)  
Ms Michelle Chew Yin Shuen  
Ms Yvonne Chew Yin Shi  
Ms Joanne Chew Yin Shin  
Mr Desmond Yeoh Kim Lung

Ms Riani Manalu  
Mr Ling Hwa Shiong  
Mr Ong Hui Chun  
Ms Tan Bee Khun  
Ms Joanna Joyce a/p Joseph  
Ms Esther Wong Jia En

**CLOSING SONG**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour, has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace*

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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty  
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I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

*I need Thee, O, I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Saviour  
I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou nearby  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

*CCLI Song #5253201*

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Take Time to Be Holy (*stanzas 1-3*)

UMH 395

Take time to be holy  
Speak oft with thy Lord  
Abide in Him always  
And feed on His Word  
Make friends of God's children  
Help those who are weak  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessing to seek

Take time to be holy  
The world rushes on  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone

By looking to Jesus  
Like Him thou shalt be  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see

Take time to be holy  
Let Him be thy guide  
And run not before Him  
Whatever betide  
In joy or in sorrow  
Still follow the Lord  
And, looking to Jesus  
Still trust in His Word

*CCLI #93748*

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	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Downward Spiral (2 Kings 15:8-31)	Downward Spiral (2 Kings 15:8-31)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Angela Khong, Mrs Nancy De Silva	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Mrs Elaine Tan
<b>Musicians</b>	Ms Michi Ong, Mr Edwin Oon Mr Eian Chan, Mr Tairven Lee	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Mark Chieng	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Michele Kong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr Nicholas Yeap	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Sharon Wong Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Wong Choon Moi	Mdm Jenny Hoo Mrs Lilian Teoh
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Lim Pang Kuan Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong 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>	TBA	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Florence Oon	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Lawrence Hii	Mr Kevin Tung
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Bernard Lee	TBA
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Matthew Chieng	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Joshua Timothy
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Sally Loh, Ms Wong Siew Eng Mr Oon Chee Soon, Ms Tan Siew Ngho	Mr Tony Teh Mrs Connie Lim
<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
- 12.00pm 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 (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

- Major elections have been planned globally for 2024. Pray for a safe, fair and credible electoral process. Pray that the people may exercise their right to vote without fear, intimidation or manipulation. Pray that righteousness, peace, transparency and integrity will prevail throughout the whole electoral process. Pray also, for leaders who possess wisdom, humility and sincere care for the well-being of their people.

### Nation

- Pray that God will grant wisdom, strength, moral courage and good health to our Yang di-Pertuan Agong, state rulers, governors, prime minister, cabinet ministers, elected officials and government servants so that they may serve the people well. Pray also, that the needs of the poor and marginalized will be addressed and that nation-building programs will improve the economy and the wealth disparities among the people.

### Church

- Thank God for our pastor, leaders and worship enablers – AV techs, liturgists, worship leaders, musicians, scripture readers, ushers, as well as those behind the scenes who offer their God-given talents, passion and time to His service. Pray that the Lord will minister and bless each one of them richly. Pray also, that God will be their source of strength and joy as they serve Him and His people.

### Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us adhere to right teaching, freeing us from doing things for the approval of mankind, out of fear of others, or to gain power over people. Pray that we will not be motivated to serve God and others just to gain appreciation or recognition. Pray that we will serve Christ out of gratitude and love for Him, doing all things for His praise and glory.

## 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 the Tee family in loving memory of Mr Tee Kim Thye.
- 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 – September 8

Communion Offering for September 2024 will go to Eden Handicap Service Centre.

### Coming up in September!

27 – Renewal Service

28 – Renewal Service

29 – 67<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Combined Service



### 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.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) is an 8-week discipleship course by Pete Scazzero aimed at helping us grow into greater maturity and depth in our relationship with God. All are encouraged to sign up for this course, especially members of the LCEC and Small Group leaders. There will be an introductory session if you would like to find out more before committing to the rest of the 8 weeks.

Course Leader: Rev Shearn Sya and team

Course Date: 8 weekly sessions commencing October 6, 2024 from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Venue: Church Sanctuary

WhatsApp name to Lai Keat at 019-4231749 to register.

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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

### Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724

or submit resume to

[kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org](mailto:kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org).