



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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."***

When A Kingdom Falls.



**So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria,
and they are still there.
(2 Kings 17:23b, NIV)**

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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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Well our feeble frame God knows
Mother-like, God gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
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Praise the Lord for grace and favour
To all people in distress
Praise God, still the same as ever
Slow to chide, and swift to bless
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness

Angels in the heights, adoring
You behold God face to face
Saints triumphant, now adoring
Gathered in from every race
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Saviour lives

How sweet to hold a new-born baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just
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And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and
I'll know He reigns

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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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

*Give to: MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)
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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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

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Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I, ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
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The Loss of the Kingdom

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Loss of the Kingdom

Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 17:1-15

BIG IDEA: Israel lost the Kingdom when they lost their identity and purpose in God.

Key Verse: 2 Kings 17:15b (NIV)

They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the Lord had ordered them, "Do not do as they do."

Introduction

- Israel asked for a king so that they could be like other nations (1 Samuel 8:4-8)
- In the end, they truly became like other nations in worshipping other gods and rejecting their true God (2 Kings 17:15)
- When Israel fell into idolatry, they lost their identity and purpose as a nation and suffered exile after being conquered by the Assyrians in 722 B.C.

Regaining our Kingdom perspective involves:

1. Redeemed Image

God is working to restore His image in us

- God created mankind in His image (Genesis 1:26)
- But sin and idolatry have corrupted and distorted God's image in us
- God is recreating a new humanity bearing the image of His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29)
- Take-away: Whose image are we reflecting?

2. Restored Identity

We start living well when we are secure in our identity

- Israel lost their identity as God's people when they pursued idols
- In Christ, we have a restored sense of identity as God's children (Romans 8:14-17)
- Take-away: How well do we guard our identity as God's sons and daughters?

3. Renewed Intentions

Intentional living means that we have a purpose-driven life in God's Kingdom

- Israel betrayed God in their persistent idolatry (2 Kings 17:9-15)
- We must intentionally live to honour and please God in every aspect of our lives
- Take-away: Earnestly seek to encounter and experience God in our daily lives

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	The Loss of the Kingdom <i>(2 Kings 17:1-15)</i>	The Loss of the Kingdom <i>(2 Kings 17:1-15)</i>
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Reader	Mr Lawrence Hii	Mr Kevin Tung
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Sally Loh, Ms Wong Siew Eng Mr Oon Chee Soon, Ms Tan Siew Nghoh	Mr Tony Teh Mrs Connie Lim
Finance Stewards	Mrs Wan Soo Har, Ms Cheong Sau Chan	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	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Lim Huey Yoke, Ms Cheah Yan Li	n/a
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Ms Vanessa Ngu
Musicians	Mr Daniel Khoo, Mr Dominique Lee Ms Olivia Lee, Mr Ivan Lee	TBA
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Visual	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr Joshua Timothy / Ms Esther Wong
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Finance Stewards	Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Mr Ling Lek Chian	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

- Pray that millions of people in Afghanistan who are in need of humanitarian assistance will have their immediate needs met. Pray that Afghan refugees who had to flee to other nations will be able to find safe refuge, jobs and schools for their children, as well as a place of worship. Pray also, for freedom and independence for the women-folk. Pray that all will find comfort, joy, peace, hope and their identity in Christ.

Nation

- As we celebrate Malaysia Day tomorrow, thank God for His goodness and faithfulness over our nation. Pray for His blessings and wisdom over our leaders and the people. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable each person to respect one another in spite of our differences, to walk in His ways, and bring glory to Him. Pray also, that God will enable us to make a difference in the lives of others as we share the Gospel.

Church

- Pray that God will help us recognise neglected priorities in our lives that have affected our calling. Pray that we will not fall into complacency when all things seem to be routine and in control. Pray that God will remove and heal our spiritual blindness, and that we will perceive the things of God. Pray also, that the Holy Spirit will empower His Church to be on fire for Christ, and that we will keep our spiritual fervency.

Self

- Pray that God will grant us the strength to persevere and His peace to weather the storms of life. Pray that as God's children, we will honour Him through our words and actions, and how we live our lives. Pray also, that as we learn to live humbly before Him in spirit and in truth, our eyes will be opened, our ears will be attuned to His voice, and our hearts and minds receptive to His Word.

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.
- 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 15

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



Malaysia Day of Prayer

September 16, 9:30am – 11am (Tomorrow)

To join, go to <https://www.mdop.org/>

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.

Coming up in September!

27 – “Reflecting on God’s Faithfulness”

Rev Shearn Sya

Renewal Service (Friday, 8:30pm)

28 – “Responding to God’s Faithfulness”

Rev Shearn Sya

Renewal Service (Saturday, 8:30pm)

29 – “Building Upon the Experience of God’s Faithfulness” | Pr Rachel Ongkili

67th Anniversary Combined Service

(Sunday, 10am)

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.

10AM / 5PM Service

✗ Booking of Seats – Not required

✗ MySejahtera checks – Not required

✓ Record names of attendees – Required

✓ Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged