



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 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**

“The LORD will keep you from all harm –  
He will watch over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.”

*Psalm 121:7-8, NIV*

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

L: Come, bless the Lord who guides us.

**P: Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**

L: Come, bless the Lord whose wise teaching directs our days.

**P: Lord, keep us in Your ways and lead us on Your path.**

L: Come, bless the Lord who is present among us.

**P: Lord, sustain us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.**

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died, and rose on high  
Who died, eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Those wounds, yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity

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Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Saviour shows His face  
And gladly take my station there  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless  
And since He bids me seek His face  
Believe His word, and trust His grace  
I'll cast on Him my every care  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

1. Continue to pray for ongoing clashes like the ones in Ukraine, Gaza, and Myanmar. Pray for protection for those delivering humanitarian aid, and that what is needed would reach those who need it.
2. Pray for Malaysians celebrating CNY to have a blessed time with family. Pray for road safety for all travelling.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a family that shows compassion and concern for one another, remaining united in diversity.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would follow Jesus' example to extend the hand of mercy and reconciliation wherever it may be needed, particularly among family members.

## **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.

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Kings 2:1-4

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION / DISCUSSION**

1. How have I experienced God's promises in my life?
2. In what ways does God show that His faithfulness to His promises overcome human unfaithfulness?
3. Do I fully believe that God is now bringing all things to fulfilment through His Son Jesus Christ? (Romans 8:28-32)

**CLOSING SONG**

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

UMH 438

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go  
My daily labour to pursue  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak, or do

Thee may I set at my right hand  
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see  
And labour on at Thy command  
And offer all my works to Thee

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned  
O, let me cheerfully fulfil  
In all my works Thy presence find  
And prove Thy good and perfect will

For Thee delightfully employ  
What e'er Thy bounteous grace hath given  
And run my course with even joy  
And closely walk with Thee to heaven

**BENEDICTION****THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Promise & Crisis: An introduction to 1 & 2 Kings

Scripture Passage: 1 Kings 2:1-4

### **BIG IDEA: God's promise overcomes man's unfaithfulness**

#### **Key Verse: 1 Kings 2:4 (NIV)**

And that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

#### **Introduction**

- God had been faithful to His promise to David to establish David's son and descendants on the throne (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
- Solomon was now secured on the throne (1 Kings 2:12) and Israel was united
- But this would not last long.
- Through idolatry and unfaithfulness the Kingdom would be divided into two, and eventually conquered by foreign invaders.

The bible teaches us about:

#### **1. Promise**

*God's purposes are good and perfect*

- God wanted His people to be safe and secure under a righteous king in His promise to David (2 Samuel 7:8-16)
- God desires abundant life of righteousness for His people
- Take-away: How often do we reflect on God's promises and desires for us?

#### **2. Problems**

*Problems arise when God's people become unfaithful to Him*

- Human unfaithfulness and rebellion threaten the fulfilment of God's good purposes
- Despite a strong and promising start, Solomon's heart eventually strayed from God and idolatry crept into the life of the nation (1 Kings 11:1-8)
- God's judgement came: the Kingdom would be torn into two (1 Kings 11:9-13)
- By the end of 2 Kings, all of Israel would be conquered by foreign nations
- Take-away: Israel's unfaithfulness led to exile but God still holds out hope.

#### **3. Providence**

*God works to fulfil what He promised despite human unfaithfulness*

- In the face of Israel's unfaithfulness, God faithfully send prophets to warn the people and call for their repentance
- Although the people ultimately rejected God and went into exile, God provided hope through the prophets that He would restore them and fulfil His promise to David
- God sent His Son Jesus to fulfil all that He had promised to restore His righteous rule and bring salvation (e.g. Romans 1:1-4)
- Take-away: Jesus is God's invitation to enter into His promise of abundant life and righteousness.

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

### 10.00 am Combined Service

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Promise & Crisis: An introduction to 1 & 2 Kings (1 Kings 2:1-4)
<b>Preacher</b>	Mr Tan Chong Jin
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Reader</b>	Dr Chan Kit Lam
<b>Musician</b>	Dr Melvin Saw
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham, Mr Daniel Purba
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Koay Choong Khai
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Helen Aw Ms Tan Siew Ngoh, Ms Wong Choon Moi
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Cheong Sau Chan, Mr Khoo Boo Thye

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

### 10.00 am Service

### 5.00 pm Service

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Charles Teh	Mr Chong Kock Khuan
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	Mrs Audrey Tan
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Bernard Lim, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting Mr Vincent Lee, Mr Oon Chee Soon	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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**

- 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 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) – 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

### **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 the Rohingya refugees who have been forced to flee their homes. Pray that God will protect all of them and lead them to safe shelters. Pray that world leaders, organizations and agencies will provide these refugees with humanitarian aid and support. Pray also, for God's intervention so that the refugees' human rights are upheld, that they will be able to return home safely, or start afresh in a new place.

### Nation

- Pray that the newly appointed Governor of Sarawak will use his vast experience to address inequality, promote harmony and advocate transparency to improve the lives of the people in Sarawak. Pray also, that despite ongoing political uncertainties, tolerance and mutual respect amongst people of all races and religions will foster an atmosphere of unity and harmony in our nation.

### Church

- Pray that God will reveal to each one of us our spiritual gifts, and create opportunities for these gifts to be used to honour Him. Pray also, that our Small Groups will be a safe and conducive place where members can support and grow together in Christ. Pray that discretion, accountability and confidentiality will be upheld so that everyone will feel at ease to share their life's struggles and challenges.

### Self

- Pray that we will always remember how much we need Jesus in our lives. Pray that as we come before our Lord with humble hearts, He will grant us the wisdom to yield to Him, knowing that He is a loving King and Father, Who cares and watches over us. Pray that as we submit to the Holy Spirit's leading, He will empower us to serve Him wholeheartedly in faithful obedience.



# 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 Edwin Chan & Ee Pheng 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 – February 11

Communion Offering for February 2024 will go to Little Lamb's Lamp Society, Melaka.

## Coming up in February!

14 – Ash Wednesday

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

## 2024 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmcbible2024>

## 10AM / 5PM Service

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

**2024 Lent Meditations** may be purchased from the church office or at the reception area.  
Price: RM8/copy.

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.

## 2024 Lent Devotions

February 14 – March 30, 8:30pm

<http://bit.ly/tmclent2024>

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.

## Rethinking Missions – Diaspora Community

February 24, 9am – 4pm

Venue: GYM

Cost: RM20 (*includes lunch and refreshments*).

Contact person: Jennifer Hu 0174286590 |

[dmissus.jen@gmail.com](mailto:dmissus.jen@gmail.com) or

Jay Lee at 016-433 3251 for more information.

## Pray for Malaysia

February 18, 8pm – 9pm

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