

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” *James 1:2-3, NIV*

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

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P: *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.*

L: Happy are those who keep God's decrees.

P: *Blessed are those who seek God with their whole heart.*

L: God has commanded that His precepts be kept diligently.

P: *We will praise God with an upright heart as we learn His righteous judgments. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

ACTS OF PRAISE

Come Into His Presence

Come into His presence
With thanksgiving in your heart
And give Him praise
And give Him praise

Come into His presence
With thanksgiving in your heart
Your voices raise
Your voices raise
Give glory and honour, and power unto Him
Jesus, the name above all names

CCLI Song #18819

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Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas

*From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air*

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

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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*

CCLI Song #4768151

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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2. Pray for families of the 239 passengers and crew of flight MH 370 to be able to find closure 10 years later.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to continue to build upon God's faithfulness that we might leave behind a legacy of faithfulness.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we would persevere in walking closely with the Lord all the way to the end; that we would run and finish the race well.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 11:1-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Legacy of Tragedy

Rev Shearn Sya

CLOSING SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth
(stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6)

UMH 92

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

For Thy church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For Thyself, best Gift Divine
To the world so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine
Peace on earth, and joy in heaven

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

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When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, O the bliss
Of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

CCLI Song #25376

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

There is a place of quiet rest
Near to the heart of God
A place where sin cannot molest
Near to the heart of God

There is a place of comfort sweet
Near to the heart of God
A place where we our Saviour meet
Near to the heart of God

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer
Sent from the heart of God
Hold us who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God*

There is a place of full release
Near to the heart of God
A place where all is joy and peace
Near to the heart of God

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CLOSING SONG

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH 396

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end
Be Thou forever near me
My Master and my Friend
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide

O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near
I see the sights that dazzle
The tempting sounds I hear
My foes are ever near me
Around me and within
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion
The murmurs of self-will
O speak to reassure me
To hasten or control
O speak, and make me listen
Thou guardian of my soul

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	A Legacy of Tragedy (1 Kings 11:1-13)	A Legacy of Tragedy (1 Kings 11:1-13)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	n/a	Mrs Esther Wong
Worship Leaders	Mrs Angela Khong, Mr James Hii Mrs Iris Hii, Mr William Ng, Mrs Janet Ng Ms Christabelle Ng, Ms Chevonne Ng	n/a
Reader	Ms Julia Yap	Dr Chuah Hock Aun
Musicians	Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Clarissa Hii Mr Matthew Yap, Mr Ong Hui Sian Mr Caleb Loke	Mrs Audrey Tan
Sound	Mr Daniel Purba, Mr Jason Tham	Mr William Ng
Visual	Mr Joshua Timothy	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Ms Helen Aw Ms Wong Choon Moi, Ms Tan Siew Nghoh	Ms Aileen Tan Ms Lilian Yeoh
Finance Stewards	Mr Ling Lek Chian 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>
Sermon Title/Text	TBA	TBA
Preacher	TBA	TBA
Liturgist	Mrs Florence Oon	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Reader	Mrs Rosalind Khoo	Mr Kevin Tung
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	n/a
Sound	Mr Matthew Chieng, Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr Joshua Timothy
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mr Oon Chee Soon, Mr Vincent Lee Ms Heng Khai Ting, Mrs Heng Ah Leak	Dr Mah Chiou-Fen Dr Goh Yoke Seng
Finance Stewards	Mrs Wan Soo Har, Ms Cheong Sau Chan	n/a

WEEKLY 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 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) – 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 refugees around the world who are forced to flee their homes due to political conflict, violence, poverty, famine or other issues. Pray that God will watch over them and lead them to safer regions. Pray that humanitarian supplies will reach them and that they will be provided the necessary support. Pray also, that God will comfort those who have experienced unspeakable tragedy and trauma.

Nation

- Pray that our nation's leaders will be guided by divine wisdom and discernment as they deal with pressing issues like the plunging of the ringgit, the ballooning fiscal deficits and the challenging economic situation. Pray that they will work towards improving the nation's economy to ensure strong, sustainable growth. Pray also, that they will uphold justice and be resilient against any temptation to erode their integrity.

Church

- Pray that any of us who find ourselves at a crossroad will be reminded of God's promise, "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16a). Pray also, that a spirit of unity, love and understanding will triumph in the church, overcoming divisions and bringing together people of different status and backgrounds.

Self

- Give thanks to God for all that Christ has done for us through His life, death and resurrection. Pray that we will learn to clothe ourselves with virtues that are consistent with our identity in Christ, and live our daily lives in light of this new identity that is given to us. Pray too, that we will be able to share the love of God with others in the same way that we are loved by 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 Mrs Khoo Sian Hin and family in loving memory of Dr Khoo Sian Hin.
- 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 – March 10

Communion Offering for March 2024 will go to Asia Community Service.



The Parenting Teenagers Course is for any parent or carer of children ages 11-18. This Course helps parents build a stronger relationship with their teenagers to guide them through the challenges of adolescence. It will be run from 3-5pm for five consecutive Sundays from April 7 at GYM (15 Jalan Kennedy). A course fee of RM10 per participant applies. For registration and inquiry, please contact Lai Keat at 019-423 1749 or Connie at 013-324 1382.

2024 Lent Devotions

February 14 – March 30, 8:30pm
Join our nightly “Zoom in” sessions
(excluding Sundays)
for a time of sharing and reflection.
Go to <http://bit.ly/tmclent2024>.

Coming up in March!

- 16 – 2nd LCEC Meeting
- 24 – Palm Sunday
- 28 – Maundy Thursday Service (8:30pm)
- 29 – Good Friday Service (8:30pm)
- 31 – Easter Sunday Combined Service (10:00am)

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*

MW Fund Raising for KAWAN

Contact Catherine Chew (MW Treasurer)
at 012-429 2839 or
Vivian Lim at 013-401 0551.

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.