

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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."***

**BUT THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE IS
FIRST OF ALL PURE, THEN PEACE-
LOVING, GENTLE,
ACCOMMODATING, FULL OF MERCY
AND GOOD FRUIT, IMPARTIAL, AND
SINCERE.
- JAMES 3:17**

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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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but the rebellious stumble in them.”

Hosea 14:9b, NIV

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

L: Return to the Lord your God,

P: *For God is gracious and merciful.*

L: Repent to the Lord your God,

P: *For God is slow to anger and abounding in love.*

L: Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving in our hearts.

P: *We will enter His courts with praise. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power
Crown Thine ancient church's story
Bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour (*repeat*)

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days (*repeat*)

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore (*repeat*)

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

I need Thee every hour
Teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfil

CCLI Song #5253201

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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.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

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

O Word of God Incarnate (*stanzas 1-3*)

UMH 598

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O Wisdom from on high
O Truth unchanged, unchanging
O Light of our dark sky
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page
A lantern to our footsteps
Shines on from age to age

The church from You, our Saviour
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And still that light is lifted
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It is the sacred vessel
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It is a shining beacon
Above the darkling world
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To You, O Christ, will guide

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 12:1-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Nation Divided

Rev Shearn Sya

CLOSING SONG

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

In the bulb, there is a flower
In the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me

From the past will come the future
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THREE-FOLD AMEN

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| Sermon Title/Text | A Nation Divided (<i>1 Kings 12:1-24</i>) | A Nation Divided (<i>1 Kings 12:1-24</i>) |
| Preacher | Rev Shearn Sya | Rev Shearn Sya |
| 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 | Mr Calvin Fong | 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 |

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 | n/a | Mr Lim Lai Keat |
| Worship Leaders | Mrs Jane Khoo, Ms Alanis Yeoh | n/a |
| Reader | Mrs Wan Soo Har | Ms Liew Ai Ling |
| Musicians | Dr Melvin Saw, Ms Olivia Lee Mr Dominique Lee | n/a |
| Sound | Mr Matthew Chieng, Mr Jesse Ong | Mr Andrew Lee |
| Visual | Mr Hugo Cheah | Mr Joshua Timothy |
| Streaming | Mr David Law | n/a |
| Ushers | Ms Teo Lay Tinn Mrs Sally Loh Ms Sharon Wong, Dr Ho Seng Hooi | Dr Tan Boon Chong Dr Serena Nga |
| Finance Stewards | Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Mr Yeo Hwang Seng | 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

- The United Nations has warned that widespread famine in Gaza is almost inevitable without action. Pray that God, in His mercy, will hear the cries of the innocent and the suffering – particularly the sick, the elderly and the children, and protect them from starvation, malnutrition and dehydration. Pray also, that humanitarian aid such as food, clean water and medical supplies will reach them safely.

Nation

- Pray for stability and peace in our beloved nation. Pray against any racial or religious provocation that may cause friction, division and hatred. Pray that our nation's leaders will uphold religious freedom, equality, integrity and rationality in our diverse society and culture. Pray also, for wisdom and discernment upon our government in addressing corruption and managing the nation's financial resources.

Church

- Pray for all the special services that will take place during the Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday). Pray that our hearts and minds will be ready to receive God's Word through these services. As we reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection, pray that God will reveal to us His immeasurable love for us, and instil in us a greater passion to share the Good News to others.

Self

- Pray that God will grant us His wisdom and strength to persevere and glorify Him with our bodies, our thoughts, our desires, our actions, and in our relationships. Pray that we will experience His fullness as we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to Him. Pray also, that we will be a worthy witness to His love and grace.

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 – March 17

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

Coming up in March!

24 – Palm Sunday

28 – Maundy Thursday Service (8:30pm)

29 – Good Friday Service (8:30pm)

31 – Easter Sunday Combined Service (10:00am)

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.

10AM / 5PM Service

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

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.

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers

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



The Parenting Teenagers Course will be conducted from 3pm – 5 pm for five consecutive Sundays from April 7 at GYM (15 Jalan Kennedy). The course material is RM10 per participant. Please register by March 30. Contact: Lai Keat at 019-423 1749 or Connie at 013-324 1382.

MW Fund Raising for KAWAN

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

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>.