



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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***

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UMH 172

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## **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**

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

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Much we need Thy tender care  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use Thy folds prepare  
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Thou hast bought us, Thine we are  
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**SERMON**

The Brook Cherith Experience

Dr Khoo Cheok Kau

**CLOSING SONG**

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

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Not a grief or a loss  
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## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Brook Cherith Experience

Scripture Passage: 1 Kings 17:1-24

### **Introduction**

- Israel led into idolatry – 1Kings 16:30
- God's judgment – 1 Kings 17:1

### **1. God Protects**

- Elijah obeyed God when asked to deliver judgment on Israel step by step
- Elijah wasn't hiding, but he was hidden. He was hidden for his own protection, and for a season
- God hides His servants - examples

#### **The Takeaway/Reflection:**

- God can hide you to preserve you from evil or because your appointed time has not come
- When God chooses to hide you for a time, He is preparing you for a greater purpose
- **Are you hiding from God or is God hiding you?**
- **Are you feeling isolated or insignificant?**

### **2. God Prepares**

- Elijah learned to set his mind to fully **obey** God – no distraction
- Elijah learned to **trust** God fully
- Elijah learned to wait patiently for the Word of God

#### **The Takeaway/Reflection:**

- Do not lose focus on God – no distraction
- Fully trust God
- **Has God polished you for the path ahead?**
- **Do you wait upon the Lord for the path ahead of you and obey Him?**

### **3. God Provides**

- God's perplexed way of provision – food and water
- When the brook dries up – even more of God's perplexity

#### **The Takeaway/Reflection:**

- When we obey God and open to his will, He fulfills our needs
- **Do you dare to trust God when the brook dries up?**

### **Conclusion:**

- **Know** that God is a god of perplexity – He protects. He prepares. He provides.
- **Be** prepared to be led by God.
- **Do** trust and obey God in the path He is leading you. Oswald Chambers said, "One step forward in obedience is worth a year's study about it."

## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	The Brook Cherith Experience (1 Kings 17:1-24)	The Brook Cherith Experience (1 Kings 17:1-24)
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ms Iris Ang	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Reader</b>	Ms Clarissa Hii	Ms Vanessa Goh
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Liew Yann Wen
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Ms Teo Lay Tinn, Ms Pauleen Khoo Ms Sharon Wong, Mr Vincent Lee	Dr Serena Nga Dr Tan Boon Chong
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Mr Khoo Boo Thye Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	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>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Rosalind Khoo	Ms Vanessa Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Mr William Ng
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Mak Ngai Leong, Mrs Maggie Mak Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Emmy Chia	Ms Cheah Yan Min Mrs Cheah Kai Choo
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Liew Chin Yee Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

### **SUNDAY**

- 10.00am Worship Service in English  
Church School
- 12.30pm Methodist Youth Fellowship  
1.30pm Young Families 1 Small Group –  
Tairven Lee
- 2.15pm Young Families 2 – James Hii  
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 (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 – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for all who have been affected by the volcanic eruption at Mount Ruang in Indonesia. Pray that God will protect those who reside close to the mountain as well as the first responders and rescuers. Pray that the authorities will monitor the situation closely and inform the public of any impending danger for everyone's safety. Pray also, for God's help in rebuilding their homes and communities.

### Nation

- Pray for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and its personnel who are involved in investigations against corruption in the civil service and in our nation's leadership. Pray that the law will be upheld, resisting any political pressures that seek to undermine their integrity as a beacon of impartiality. Pray also, for divine protection over the judiciary and the supremacy of the Federal Constitution.

### Church

- Pray that we, as a church, will be able to share the love of Christ to our younger generation. Pray that God will grant us His wisdom as we relate and connect with our children and youth in the church; that they will feel safe and at home in Penang Trinity. Pray also, that God will continue to be tangibly present in the lives of our younger generation, and that they will remain faithful in the Lord.

### Self

- Pray that we will learn to serve others first just as Christ did, by taking the very nature of a servant. Pray also, that we will learn to be humble, just like how Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross. Pray too, that we will be able to comprehend and appreciate the expanse of God's love for us when He sent Jesus to bear the weight of our sins, and be thankful.

## 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](mailto: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 – April 28

Communion Offering for April 2024 will go to Charis Hospice.

Communion Offering for May 2024 will go to Persatuan Penyayang Warga Tua Pulau Pinang (Grace Harmony Home).

### Coming up in May!

12 – Mother’s Day

18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> LCEC Meeting

26 – MYF Sunday

### 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*

### Baptism & Membership Class

Commences May 2024.

If interested, please contact the church office.

### Penang WALK to Bless the Land

May 1, 2024

Go to <https://bit.ly/ppw2024> to register.

### MW Retreat

May 14-15, 2024 | Penang Hill

For more information,  
contact 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.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 6 after 1pm. Angeline and Susan will be away at the TRAC Retreat for Administrators & Support Staff in Port Dickson Methodist Centre from May 6-8.

