

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

***"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."***

THE ONE WHO IS THE **TRUE LIGHT**,  
WHO GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE,  
WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD.

JOHN 1:9

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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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*Romans 5:1-2a, NIV*

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

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**P: That we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

L: In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself through Jesus Christ,

**P: For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER****\*ACTS OF PRAISE**

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You would lay down your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King  
Who conquered the grave  
(repeat)  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

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## God, You're So Good

Amazing love that welcomes me  
The kindness of mercy  
That bought with blood, wholeheartedly  
My soul undeserving

*God, You're so good (3x)*  
*You're so good to me*

Behold the cross, age to age  
And hour by hour  
The dead are raised, the sinner saved  
The work of Your power

I am blessed, I am called  
I am healed, I am whole  
I am saved in Jesus' name  
Highly favoured, anointed  
Filled with Your power  
For the glory of Jesus' name

And should this life bring suffering  
Lord, I will remember  
What Calvary has bought for me  
Both now and forever

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## Never Let You Go

Lord, You're more than anything  
You're more than gold  
More than anything

Lord, You're everything to me  
I will never let You go  
Never, ever let You go

*Your love is higher  
Higher than the heaven  
Your mercy's deeper  
Deeper than the earth  
Your Grace is wider  
Wider than the ocean  
I will never let You go  
Never, ever let You go*

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

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3. Pray for Penang Trinity this Lent season to be a church that pursues God's holy Kingdom here on earth.
4. Pray for ourselves to be children of light as we follow Jesus, the light of this world.

## **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.

## **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** John 1:9-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

God's Presence through Jesus

Rev Shearn Sya

**\*CLOSING SONG**

Abide with Me (*stanzas 1, 3, 4*)

UMH 700

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

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

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

Come, Thou almighty King  
Help us Thy name to sing  
Help us to praise!  
Father all glorious  
O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Holy Comforter  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour  
Thou who almighty art  
Now rule in every heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

Come, Thou incarnate Word  
Gird on Thy mighty sword  
Our prayer attend!  
Come, and Thy people bless  
And give Thy word success  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

To Thee, great One in Three  
Eternal praises be  
Hence, evermore  
Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity, love and adore!

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
(x3)

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**SONG OF PREPARATION**

O Word of God Incarnate

UMH 598

O Word of God incarnate  
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 Scripture is a banner  
Before God's host unfurled  
It is a shining beacon  
Above the darkling world  
It is the chart and compass  
That o'er life's surging tide  
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands  
To You, O Christ, will guide

The church from You, our Saviour  
Received the gift divine  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine  
It is the sacred vessel  
Where gems of truth are stored  
It is the heaven-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word

O make Your church, dear Saviour  
A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended  
They see You face to face

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## Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	God's Presence through Jesus (John 1:9-14)	God's Presence through Jesus (John 1:9-14)
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mrs Loo Li Lin
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr Ryan Loke	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Mr Kevin Tung
<b>Musicians</b>	Mr Timothy Yap, Mr Eian Chan Mr Tairven Lee, Mr Euan Chan	Ms Amelia Loo
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Joshua Wong
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong	Ms Esther Wong
<b>Streaming</b>	Mr David Law	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mr Cheong Kum Loong, Mrs Joanna Tham Mr Khoo Boo Thye, Ms Yap Wee Ping	Mdm Jenny Hoo Ms Vivian Lim
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Mr Lim Pang Kuan, Mdm Nellie Goh Beng Hong	n/a

## Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Jesus as the Fullness of God's Presence ( <i>Colossians 1:15-20</i> )	Jesus as the Fullness of God's Presence ( <i>Colossians 1:15-20</i> )
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Desmond Yeoh	Pr Desmond Yeoh
<b>Liturgist</b>	n/a	Mr Lim Lai Keat
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	North Zone SG	n/a
<b>Reader</b>	North Zone SG	Ms Selina Ngu
<b>Musician</b>	North Zone SG	Mrs Angela Yoon
<b>Sound</b>	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr Andrew Lee
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Hugo Cheah	Mr Joshua Timothy
<b>Streaming</b>	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
<b>Ushers</b>	Mrs Heng Ah Leak, Ms Heng Khai Ting Ms Pauleen Khoo, Mr Oon Chee Soon	Ms Cheah Yan Min Mrs Cheah Kai Choo
<b>Finance Stewards</b>	Ms Janet Yeoh Mdm Ruth Lim Gaik Yean	n/a

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

### **SUNDAY**

- 10.00am Worship Service in English  
Church School
- 12.00pm Sungai Ara II Small Group –  
Jason Chieng
- 1.30pm 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 (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>)
- 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 – Chiang Kai Choo
- Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen

### **SATURDAY**

- 10.00am Church Prayer Meeting –  
<http://bit.ly/tmcprayer>
- 10:30am Permai Village Small Group –  
Daniel Teh
- 1:30pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
- Small Groups:
- 2.00pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
- 8.30pm Sungai Ara I – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### World

- Pray for all those who have managed to escape from their traffickers, or were tricked into working against their will. Pray that God will preserve them and keep them safe as many are still in overcrowded temporary facilities, waiting to be sent home. Pray for cooperation and efficiency among the different authorities to speed up the repatriation process so that the victims will be able to return to their families soon.

### Nation

- Pray that national unity and harmony will be preserved despite our racial and religious differences. Pray that mutual understanding, the people's constitutional rights and religious freedom will be upheld. Pray also, that our foreign ministers will have discernment and wisdom to maintain diplomatic balance in foreign affairs and policies to preserve and strengthen long-standing ties.

### Church

- Pray that God's grace and love may flow through us, that we may be patient when change comes slowly, kind when life seems harsh, and gentle when others feel bruised. Pray that we will be humble when things go well, peaceful when anger rises within, quick to forgive when wronged, and to persevere when the way is hard. Pray also, that we will find ways to disciple and minister to those in need, sharing the good news with all.

### Self

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to grow closer to God and remain in an intimate relationship with Him. Pray for a hunger for biblical truths, the strength to flee temptations and fresh passion to pursue God's purposes for our lives. Pray also, that He will help us to overcome our fears and doubts, trusting Him completely no matter what comes our way.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**WELCOME** to worship at **Trinity**. For any assistance please contact:

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya, Assistant Pastor – Pr Desmond Yeoh: 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 – March 9

Communion Offering for March 2025 will go to Malaysian Care.

### Coming up in March!

22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> LCEC Meeting



### 2025 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<https://bit.ly/tmc bible2025>

Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayerform>.  
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.

### Pray for Malaysia

March 16, 8pm – 9pm

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

Congratulations to Mr Tan Thean Heng and Ms Cheah Yan Min, daughter of Dr Cheah Ui Hock and Mrs Cheah Kai Choo, on the occasion of their marriage on March 8.

### 10AM / 5PM Service

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