

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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4th Sunday in Lent

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***"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

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28, NIV

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

L: We do not gather in vain,

P: For God is working in our hearts.

L: The love of Jesus Christ calls us together.

P: The love of Jesus Christ shines in our lives.

L: Proclaim the good news with boldness.

P: The love of Christ is at work in the world! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

We Gather Together

UMH 131

We gather together
To ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing
Sing praises to His name
He forgets not His own

Beside us to guide us
Our God with us joining
Ordaining, maintaining
His kingdom divine

So from the beginning
The fight we were winning
Thou, Lord, wast at our side
All glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee
Thou Leader triumphant
And pray that Thou still
Our Defender wilt be
Let Thy congregation
Escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

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What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

1. Pray for the world – Pray for broken families to experience restoration, and that relationships between parents and children, spouses, and family members will be strengthened through Christ's love.
2. Pray for Malaysia – Pray for recovery for communities affected by the recent floods. Pray for those who have suffered losses, and for the safety and health of all during this challenging time.
3. Pray for Penang Trinity to be a place where families grow together in faith. Pray for parents to be godly examples for their children, and children to grow in faith as they follow their parents' example.
4. Pray for ourselves, that we will be able to bear with each other and forgive one another, just as the Lord has forgiven us, so that our homes may reflect His love and bring glory to His name.

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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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

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

Jesus loves me! This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong

Jesus loves me! This I know
As He loved so long ago
Taking children on His knee
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me still today
Walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-2, 12-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Presence in the Family

Mr Tan Chong Jin

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What is one belief or mindset I must change in my family to be more Christ-centred?
2. What are some words that I must stop using in my family? What are some words must I start using in my family?
3. What is one thing I can start doing in my marriage or parenting to better reflect Christ as Lord in my family?

***CLOSING SONG**

Happy the Home When God Is There

UMH 445

Happy the home when God is there
And love fills every breast
When one their wish, and one their prayer
And one their heavenly rest

Happy the home where prayer is heard
And praise is wont to rise
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear
Where children early speak His fame
And parents hold Him dear

Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain
Unite our hearts in love to Thee
And love to all will reign

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: God's Presence in the Family

Scripture Passage: Colossians 3:1-2, 12-21

BIG IDEA: Living in God's Presence is the foundation for healthy Spirit-filled families

Key Verse: Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Introduction

- Paul urges Christians to have their hearts and minds set on things above where Christ is (Col 3:1-2)
- This heavenly Christ-centred perspective shapes how they live and how they relate to one another (Col 3:5, 12-17)
- This forms the foundation for the Christian family (Col 3:18-21)

Cultivating God's Presence in Family involves:

1. Christ-centred Beliefs

Your life is now hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3)

- Our mindset and desires are to be directed toward Christ (Col 3:1-2)
- We are being renewed in the image of God (Col 3:10)
- Take-away: Is Christ central to our way of living in family and church?

2. Christ-filled Speaking

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another (Col 3:16)

- Our inner beliefs shape what and how we speak and say (Luke 6:45)
- Words are not neutral – they convey and reveal our mindset and desires for good or evil (e.g. Col 3:8-9, 16-17)
- Take-away: Do our words help or hinder the grace and truth of Christ?

3. Christ-directed Living

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col 3:17)

- A Christian's beliefs, words, and actions should be consistent with having Christ Jesus as Lord and King
- This is the foundation of marriage and parenting relationships (Col 3:18-21)
- Take-away: Do our family relationships reflect the reality of Christ as Lord?

Conclusion:

Christian families are strong only when they consistently cultivate God's presence in their lives.

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God's Presence in the Family (Colossians 3:1-2, 12-21)	God's Presence in the Family (Colossians 3:1-2, 12-21)
Preacher	Mr Tan Chong Jin	Mr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	Ms Iris Ang	Mr Lim Lai Keat
Reader	Mr Ch'ng Geam Liang	Mr Chuah Toh Thye
Musician	Mr Bernard Lee	TBA
Sound	Mr Matthew Chieng	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Ms Joanna Joyce	Ms Esther Wong
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Ms Pauleen Khoo, Ms Sharon Wong Ms Tan Siew Ngoh, Mr Vincent Lee	Ms Lilian Yeoh Mrs Connie Lim
Finance Stewards	Ms Cheong Sau Chan Mrs Wan Soo Har	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	The church as God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)	The church as God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Mr Daniel Teh	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Reader	Mrs Janet Ng	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musician	Mr Seah Por Shen	Ms Amelia Loo
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Joanna Joyce	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Ms Wong Fong Yi	n/a
Ushers	Mdm Aileen Tan, Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh, Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mr Tony Teh Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Stewards	Mr Ling Lek Chian Mr Tan Kok Huat, Mdm Keow Poh Lean	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 (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)
- 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 An Hour of Presence –
<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 that God will grant wisdom and integrity to those who hold power; that they may lead with compassion and justice, and serve the common good. Pray that hatred and division will diminish, and that empathy and compassion will grow. Pray also, for those who are suffering, whether from war, poverty, disease or injustice. Pray that healing and hope be found, and may those in need find strength and support.

Nation

- Pray that God will bless our leaders with wisdom, integrity, and the spirit of compassion and understanding. Pray for healing and reconciliation, and for Malaysia to be a beacon of peace and hope in the world. Pray also, for unity despite our diverse cultures and ethnicities, and for the economic prosperity of our land, that all citizens may have the opportunity to thrive and live fulfilling lives.

Church

- Pray that God will continue to bless Penang Trinity with unity, growth and a vibrant faith, guiding us to serve Him with love and purpose. Pray that He will grant us His wisdom, discernment and courage, and that we will be open and receptive to His leading. Pray also, that we will be a beacon of hope and a source of comfort to those in need, both within our church and in the communities around us.

Self

- Pray that God will fortify our faith and grant us the wisdom and strength to navigate challenges and temptations that come our way. Pray that He will help us to align our desires and actions with His will for our lives. Pray also, that we will be more like Jesus as we examine our thoughts, motives, and actions, asking God to reveal areas where we need change and growth.

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.
- 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 30

Communion Offering for March 2025 will go to Malaysian Care.

Communion Offering for April 2025 will go to TMCK Poor and Needy Fund.

Coming up in April!

13 – Palm Sunday

17 – Maundy Thursday Service (8:30pm)

18 – Good Friday Service (8:30pm)

20 – Northern District Combined Easter Sunday Service (10am)

2025 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<https://bit.ly/tmcbible2025>

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

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.

10AM / 5PM Service

✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required*

✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*

✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*

✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Strongly encouraged*

Transport to WMC Butterworth Easter Sunday Service



Scan the QR code to register

Vacancies: TMCK Teachers / Asst. Teachers

Please call Mrs Teong at 04-826 0724
or submit resume to

kindy.admin@penangtrinity.org.

