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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

***"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."***

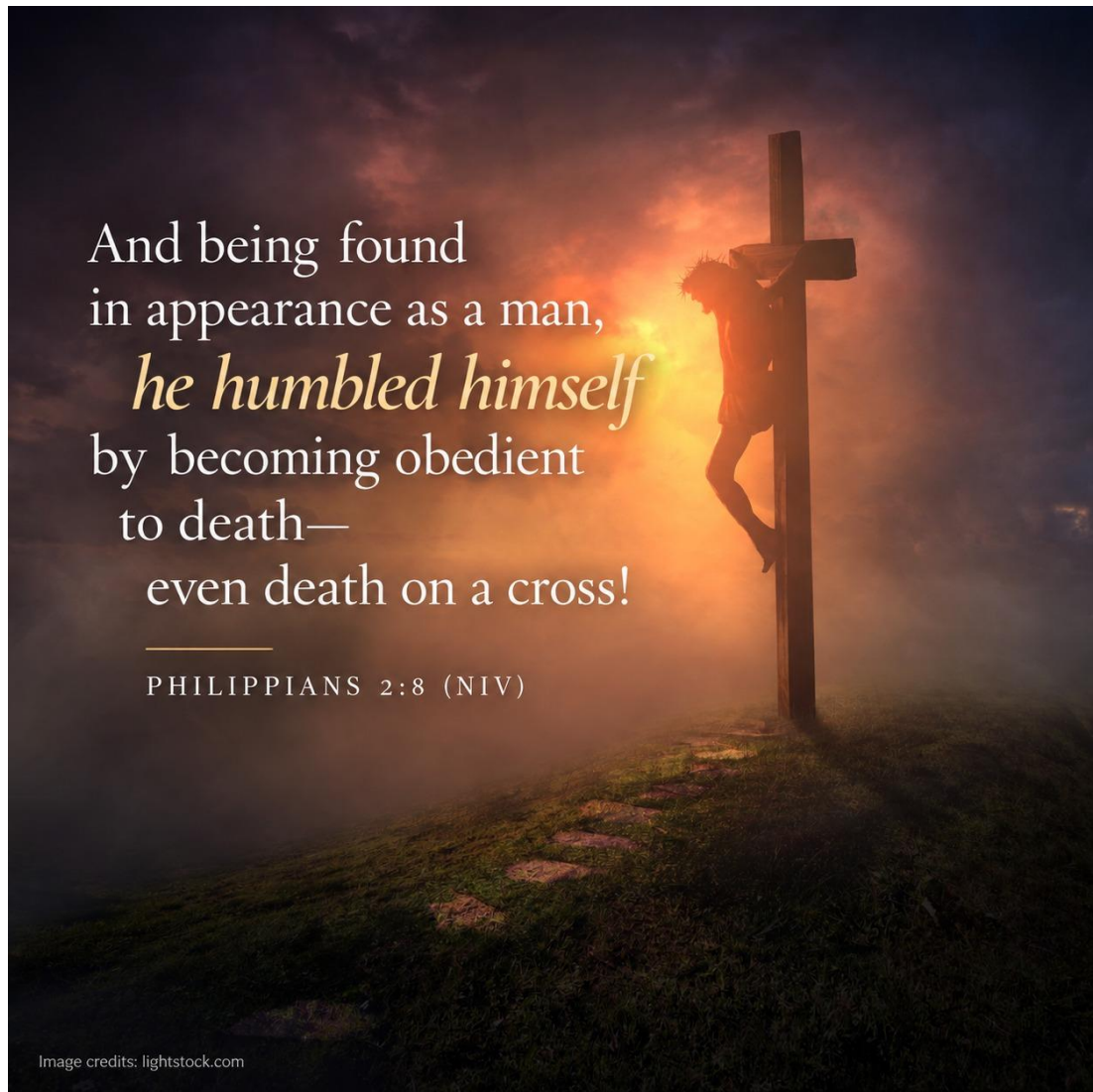


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Our Vision

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

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." - *John 15:13, NIV*

OPENING PRAYER**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

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All: *Lord Jesus, shape our hearts to be like Yours. Teach us to love sacrificially, serve humbly, and live so that others may encounter Your grace through us. Amen.*

***ACTS OF PRAISE**God Is Good All The Time

God is good all the time

He put a song of praise

In this heart of mine

God is good all the time

Through the darkest night

His light will shine

God is good God is good

All the time

If you're walkin' through the valley

And there are shadows all around

Do not fear He will guide you

He will keep you safe and sound

'Cause He has promised to never leave you

Nor forsake you and His Word is true

We were sinners so unworthy

Still for us He chose to die

Filled us with His Holy Spirit

Now we can stand and testify

That His love is everlasting

And His mercies they will never end

Though I may not understand

All the plans You have for me

My life is in Your hands

And through the eyes of faith

I can clearly see

God is good He's so good

God is good He's so good

God is good He's so good all the time

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
God You're so good
God You're so good
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 favored 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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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus my Saviour, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am, Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You*

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What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
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Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
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The Name of Jesus

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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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.

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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

Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Sacrificial Love

Pr Tan Chong Jin

***CLOSING SONG**

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

*And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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*OPENING SONG

And Can It Be that I Should Gain (stanzas 1,2,3,4)

UMH363

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
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'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds inquire no more
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

SONG OF PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH526

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

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

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

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Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

I Stand Amazed in the Presence
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

UMH371

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvellous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Sacrificial Love

Pr Tan Chong Jin

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**

SERMON OUTLINE

God's Sacrificial Love

Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

BIG IDEA: Jesus' sacrificial love models how we should reach out to others.

Key Verse: Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Introduction

- Paul wants the Philippian church to close ranks and be united so that they strive for the Gospel as one and persevere against external pressure (Philippians 1:27-30)
- To this end, Paul uses Jesus' humility and sacrificial love as a model for the church to follow (Philippians 2:1-11)
- Paul himself models humility and sacrifice in reaching out to others (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Understanding L.O.V.E

1. Lowering oneself: Jesus' humility

Incarnation is the ultimate humility

- Jesus did not use being Divine for his own advantage
- Jesus humbled himself by taking the nature of a servant and becoming obedient to death

2. Obedience & Victory: Jesus' sacrificial love

Sacrificial love through obedience and being exalted.

- Jesus showed us that love is not just an emotional state
- God demonstrated true love by sending His Son as a sacrificial atonement for our sins
- Jesus demonstrated true love by his sacrificial obedience to death on the Cross
- Jesus' obedience to the shame of the Cross ultimately led to his victorious exaltation at the right hand of God

3. Engaging others: Paul's own example

Being all things to all people

- Paul left a life of religious respectability and status to become an apostle of the Gospel
- He set aside his own rights and privileges to serve the peoples of various backgrounds and cultures so that he might win some over to the Gospel

Conclusion:

God's sacrificial love through Jesus Christ is our model for outreach and service.

Practical/Reflection Activities:

1. Have you ever stopped serving because someone offended you? How does Jesus' humility encourage you?
2. Have you ever had an opportunity to serve but turned away because the sacrifice was too much? How does Jesus' sacrificial love change your perspective?
3. Reflect on how we might have to set aside our own convenience, entitlements and privileges to "become all things to all people," like Paul.

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	God's Sacrificial Love (<i>Philippians 2:5-11,</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:19-23</i>)	God's Sacrificial Love (<i>Philippians 2:5-11,</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:19-23</i>)
Preacher	Pr Tan Chong Jin	Pr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mr Amos Lau, Mr William Ng	n/a
Scripture Reader	Mrs Joanna Tham	Ms Liew Ai Ling
Musicians	Ms Michi Ong, Mr Evan Ong Ms Eian Chan, Mr Ivan Lee Mr Dominique Lee	Ms Angela Cheong
Sound	Mr Jason Tham	Mr Andrew Lee
Visual	Mr David Leong	Ms Esther Wong
Streaming	Mr David Law	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Heng Ah Leak Ms Heng Khai Ting Dr Ho Seng Hooi Mrs Law Kher Sing	Ms Vivian Lim Ms Stephanie Tan
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	A Father's Heart (<i>Luke 15:11-32</i>)	A Father's Heart (<i>Luke 15:11-32</i>)
Preacher	Pr Tan Chong Jin	Pr Tan Chong Jin
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Scripture Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Ms Vanessa Ngu
Musicians	Mr Bernard Lee	Ms Audrey Cheong
Sound	Mr David Leong	Mr Joshua Timothy
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Finance Stewards	Mr Yeo Hwang Seng Mdm Low Sheok Yin Mr Yee Eh Horng	n/a

WEEKLY MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 10.00am Worship Service in English
Church School
- 12.00pm Sungai Ara I 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
- 5.00pm Worship Service in English
Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia Service

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
- 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 Group:
- 2.30pm Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Loo Li Lin
(2nd & 4th)
- 8.30pm Young Adults I – Shaun Yong
- Taman Sri Nibong – Chiang Kai Choo
- Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
(fortnightly)

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
(4th Sat)
- 2.00pm Small Groups:
- 8.30pm Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
- Sungai Ara II – Low Sheok Yin (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

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Nation

- Pray for the mental health and well-being of children and young people in our nation. Pray for God's continued grace in enabling parents, caregivers, teachers and authorities to provide safe and supportive environments where children can grow and thrive, and receive help when needed. Pray that our young people will grow in their sense of security, resilience and well-being, and that they will have people around them who will listen, care and support them.

Church

- Pray that our church will follow the example of Christ in sacrificial love and humility in our fellowship, ministry and outreach. Pray that we will have the same mindset as Christ Jesus in our relationships with one another in the church, in our families and in our communities. Pray that this love and humility will be evident in the way we serve, encourage and care for one another.

Self

- Pray for God's grace and strength to make the changes needed in our lives as we grow in Christlikeness, showing sacrificial love and humility in our daily lives. Pray for God's wisdom to put the mindset of Christ into practice in our relationships with others. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to shape our hearts and actions so that our lives reflect Christ more clearly each day.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya, Assistant Pastor – Pr Tan Chong Jin: 04-828 7445

Administrator – Mr Noel Laujang: 011-1258 0898

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Noel Laujang.
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TODAY – September 20

Communion Offering for September 2026 will go to the Methodist Crisis Relief and Development Fund (Bantuan Nepal).



Coming Up in September!

27 – Exploration Sunday Service

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*

Prayer Request Form –

<https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>.

All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to a larger prayer group.



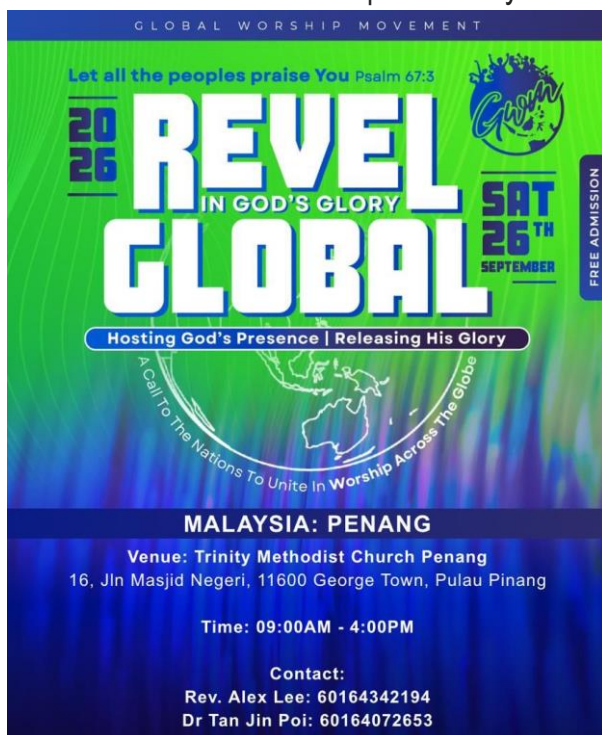
For those who would like to join Penang Trinity's 2026 Reading Plan, download the Youversion Bible app, then open this link: <http://bit.ly/tmcbible2026>



Global Worship Day

Saturday, 26 September 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Sanctuary



— Exploration Sunday —

A Father's Heart

A story of brokenness, forgiveness and coming home.

27 September 2026, 10.00 am
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