

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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."***

Not that we are
competent in ourselves
to claim anything
for ourselves, but
**our competence
comes from God.**

—
2 CORINTHIANS 3:5 (NIV)



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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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*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

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L: Let us come before Him with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for His presence and power.

All: Heavenly Father, teach us to depend on Your grace rather than our own strength. In our weakness, let Your power be revealed. Equip us to serve You faithfully and live for Your glory. We worship You, for You are our strength and sufficiency. Amen.

*ACTS OF PRAISE

Faithfulness

Your mercies are new every morning
Your steadfast love will never end
This hope won't fade in the evening
Lord how great is Your faithfulness
Lord how great is Your faithfulness

Every hour
Every minute of my life
Has been part of Your design
Lord the whole world's in Your hand

Every trial
Every battle that I face
God You've met me there with grace
Every part has served Your plan

Through it all You've been so so good
Kept Your word like You said You would

Here and now
Looking back on where I've been
Still as good as You were then
There's no limit to Your love

(Oh oh) Oh how great oh how great
(Oh oh) Lord how great is Your faithfulness

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Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit fall on me now
I need Your anointing come in Your power
I love You Holy Spirit, You're captivating my soul
And everyday I grow to love You more

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"Come Holy Spirit" words & music by City Harvest Church

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
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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

2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 17-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our Sufficiency is from God

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***CLOSING SONG**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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***OPENING SONG**

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH61

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

SONG OF PRAYER

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

UMH351

Pass me not O gentle Saviour
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace

*Saviour Saviour
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by*

Thou the Spring of all my comfort
More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee
Whom in Heaven but Thee

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief

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SONG OF PREPARATION

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH452

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Saviour divine
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine

While life's dark maze I tread
And grief's around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Saviour then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul

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SCRIPTURE READING

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our Sufficiency is from God

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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***BENEDICTION**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

SERMON OUTLINE

Our Sufficiency is from God

2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 17-18

BIG IDEA: Our ability to serve God comes from God, not ourselves.

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV)

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

Introduction

- Paul's opponents questioned his credibility and suitability as an apostle
- His opponents apparently appealed to external credentials, including letters of recommendation, to establish their authority.
- In contrast, Paul points to the Spirit-transformed lives of the Corinthian believers as evidence of the authenticity of his ministry.
- Paul insists that his confidence and competence to serve God come from God Himself.

Our sufficiency to serve God is based on:

1. Confidence toward God

Real confidence comes from trust in God

- Self-reliance leads to pride or failure.
- Real confidence is trust and dependency on God, not just on our own abilities.
- *What is the source of your confidence?*

2. Competence from God

The work of the Holy Spirit provides the ability to serve God

- The transforming work of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives is the true evidence of authentic Christian ministry.
- Popularity and crowds are not always reliable indicators of success in ministry.
- Boldness in sharing the Gospel comes from the sure and certain hope of Glory in Christ alone.
- *Where have you been looking for success?*

3. Christ-Centredness

Being transformed into the image of Christ

- As we keep our focus on Christ and contemplate His glory, the Holy Spirit transforms us into Christlikeness.
- Our calling is to reflect Christ's character and glory in our lives.
- *Are our ambitions drawing us closer to Christ or away from Him?*

Conclusion:

We are able to serve God when our focus and trust are in God.

Practical/Reflection Activities:

1. In what specific ways do trust and dependency on God give you confidence to serve Him?
2. What is some evidence that our church ministries and small groups are transforming lives through the Gospel of Christ?
3. What are some specific areas you have grown in Christlikeness?

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Our Sufficiency is from God (2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 17-18)	Our Sufficiency is from God (2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 17-18)
Preacher	Pr Tan Chong Jin	Pr Tan Chong Jin
Liturgist	n/a	Dr Cheah Ui Hock
Worship Leaders	Mrs Jane Khoo, Mr William Ng Mrs Lee Wee Lyn	n/a
Scripture Reader	Mrs Sally Loh	Ms Loh Siok Moy
Musicians	Ms Chang Jia Ren, Mr Dylan Ong Mr Eian Chan, Mr Ivan Lee Mr Euan Chan	Ms Angela Cheong
Sound	Mr Jesse Ong	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Christopher Ng	n/a
Ushers	Mrs Joanna Tham Mr Ong Hui Yien Ms Teo Lay Tinn Ms Yap Wee Ping	Dr Serena Nga Dr Tan Boon Chong
Finance Stewards	Ms Janet Yeoh Ms Liew Chin Yee	n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

	<u>10.00 am Service</u>	<u>5.00 pm Service</u>
Sermon Title/Text	Not the Usual Crowd (John 4:1-9, 39-42)	Not the Usual Crowd (John 4:1-9, 39-42)
Preacher	Rev Shearn Sya	Rev Shearn Sya
Liturgist	Dr Khoo Cheok Kau	Mrs Loo Li Lin
Scripture Reader	Mrs Wan Soo Har	Ms Vanessa Ngu
Musicians	Mr Seah Por Shen	TBA
Sound	Mr Tan Siew Jin	Mr William Ng
Visual	Ms Tan Yu Ai	Mr William Ng
Streaming	Mr Christopher Ng	n/a
Ushers	Mdm Aileen Tan Ms Emmy Chia Mrs Sally Loh Ms Wong Siew Eng	Mrs Lim Lim Ling Ms Vivian Lim
Finance Stewards	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
- 12.00pm 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

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

- Pray for the ongoing peace initiatives between Ukraine and Russia to bring an end to hostilities and protect civilian lives. Pray for wisdom, sincerity, and a willingness to seek common ground among those involved in the peace efforts. Pray for a just and lasting peace between the two countries, bringing hope and stability to all those affected by the conflict.

Nation

- Pray for wisdom and accountability in the implementation of Malaysia's 2027 Budget, especially in ensuring that subsidies and social assistance reach those who need them most. Pray that the needs of vulnerable communities will be prioritised and that resources will be managed responsibly. Pray for businesses to adapt well to the proposed minimum-wage adjustments while safeguarding workers' livelihoods and promoting a sustainable working environment.

Church

- Pray that our church will be confident and secure in our identity as God's people. Pray that we will continually rely on God's wisdom, strength, and the Holy Spirit's empowerment to fulfil our vision of being a Spirit-filled, impactful church. May we grow in unity, faith, and boldness as we serve God and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Self

- Pray that we will find our sufficiency and confidence in Christ alone, trusting in His grace and strength to fulfil His calling and purpose in our lives. Pray that we will not be discouraged by our weaknesses or limitations, but continue to depend on Him in every circumstance. Pray that we will be faithful and courageous witnesses of the Gospel in our daily lives through our words, actions, and love for others.

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.
- **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 the Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – October 25

Communion Offering for October 2026 will go to the Crystal Family Home Care Centre Fund.

Communion Offering for November 2026 will go to the Eden Handicap Service Centre.

Coming Up in October!

31 – Church Planning Retreat Part 1

Coming Up in November!

8 – Exploration Sunday

20-22 – 51st Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC)

28 – 7th LCEC Meeting cum Church Planning Retreat Part 2

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.

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>

