

SERMON OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's Word for the _____

Text: **Haggai 2:1-9; Mark 10:46-52**

Last week, we noted the problem of being DISTRACTED. Today, another one which is one of Satan's greatest weapon to defeat God's children, & that is spirit of _____. It is very startle, silent, quiet and yet lethal because it demoralize a person from pursuing God's destiny in our lives. The Israelites were _____ from fulfilling God's destiny (see **Ezra 4.1-24**). They were also greatly _____ by various circumstances of their days. That was the cause for the delayed completion of rebuilding God's Temple! To counter the spirit of discouragement, God works of _____ can be seen through:-

1. His _____ (**Haggai 2: 1-5a**)
2. His _____ (**Haggai 2: 5b**)
3. His _____ (**Haggai 2: 6-9**)

- Canon James Lee



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 14 April 2019



Message from our Senior Priest



Palm crosses that are distributed has its original purpose! I hope no one link it with religious superstitious belief thinking that the cross functions like any charm to ward off the evil forces of darkness from causing all kinds of harm. Rather, let us take one or more of these palm crosses to remind ourselves what God has called us to be. As a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, the cross should remind us of Christ's call to deny ourselves, to carry our own cross and to follow Jesus Christ (see Matthew 16:24).

How do we gauge ourselves in the light of Jesus' offer to be His disciples? Henry T Blackaby & Richard Blackaby in *Experiencing God Day by Day*, talk about the importance of lifelong daily applying the principle of putting the old sinful self to death. This is how we can truly enjoy the purpose of being born again & being in Christ. There are people who admitted to be Christians yet, continues in matters that dishonor God. Our behaviors or characters contradict with our affirmation of having faith in Christ as His followers. For example, the brothers of James & John in Mark 10:35-37. They asked for two prominent positions while they followed Christ upon His calling (see Mark 1.19-20). It was commented that the two brothers wanted a discipleship that would not impede their personal desires & aspirations.

What about us today? How do we measure ourselves as His disciples today? It is possible at times, we too are in the same situation like James & John. We do follow Christ but yet at the same time keep looking back. At times, fall back as well. We are telling the Lord, "I am following You, but let me stay where I used to be." We also do what we want to do instead of His will. We set our own goals and make effort to achieve it. Upon achieving the success, that we said let God be glorified. **However, this is second class glory & not the true glory that God deserves!** God is truly glorified whenever we live our livelihood through which **His will & purposes fulfilled through our lives!** Just like Jesus who chose to obey the Father even death on the cross (**Philippians 2:5-8**). How have we been since we first confessed the Lordship of Jesus Christ? It is good to rethink and readjust our lives in the light of the true glory of God as His disciples! Use the Holy Week, starts tomorrow until next Sunday, Christ's resurrection day to reflect and pray.

- Canon James Lee

COGS Vision

To Be like Jesus (Rom 8.29) so to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat 28.18-20) by obeying the Great Commandment

(Mat 22.37-39) with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8) in Sandakan & beyond.

Worship Services

Saturday:

7:30 pm (Chi), Church

Sunday:

7:00am (Chi), Church

9:30am (Eng), Church

9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30pm (Chi), Church

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ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee

Eng Adult- Canon James Lee

BM Adults - Rev Timothy Jerry

MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (PALM SUNDAY)

Almighty and everlasting God, in tender love towards mankind you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: grant that we may follow the example of his suffering, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

40-DAYS LENTEN PRAYER

It has concluded yesterday, 13/04/19. We thank all who participated in most of the mornings.



YOUTH ALPHA

Date: 20 April (Sat)
Time: 2:30 pm -- 4:00 pm
Venue: Grace Hall

MAWAR SISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

Programme: "Health Talk" by Dr Thian
Date: 28 April (Sun), 7:00 pm

COGS SISTERS' FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE for 2019 —2020

Chairlady : Jus Ng
Secretary : Chin Pit Soon
Treasurer : Maggie Tang
Members : Chang Nyuk Jin
Chia Nyat Ching
Chin Mui Yee
Chong Fui Siam
Chong Chui Lin
Chu Mui Lin
Ellen Cham
Lee Soi Kiaw
Leow Shu Ching
Sarah Chong
Vivien Lee
Wu Yun Mui

Co-opted Members: Chong Chee Yun, Tai Len Ching & Lim Chiew Yee.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

For all Ch & Eng Cell Group Leaders / Interns

Date: 15 April (Mon)

Time : 7:45 pm

Instructor (Chi)	Mrs Emily Lee	Grace Hall
Instructor (Eng)	Canon James Lee	Meeting Room

BAPTISM SERVICE

Date: 27 & 28 April, 2019

CONFIRMATION

Please hand in your registration form by:

Closing Date : 28 April, 2019

THANK YOU !!

To all who came to make the Palm Crosses.

CATALYST DIOCESAN CHI & ENG YOUTH CONFERENCE

Date: 27 - 30 May 2019

Fees : RM180 currently
RM250 (after 28 April)

Closing Date: 19 May 2019

Contact Person: Miss Claire Lim
(Hp 017-228-0271)

HOLY WEEK

♦ Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service

Date: 18 April 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

♦ Good Friday Memorial Service

Date: 19 April 2019

Time: 7:00 am

Venue: Sibuga Anglican Cemetery

♦ 3-Hour Devotion

Date: 19 April 2019

Time: 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Venue: Church

♦ Easter Eve (Saturday)

Date: 20 April 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

♦ Easter Sunday

Date: 21 April 2019

Time: 8:00 am (Chi & Eng combined)

Time: 10:30 am (BM)

Refreshments will be served at the Barrett Hall at 10:00 am and will be joined by the BM congregation to foster closer fellowship among one another.

♦ Easter Sunday (21 Apr) 2:30 pm

No Service in the afternoon but you are encouraged to attend the combined Service in the morning (8:00 am).

Intercession:

• Pray for our world - BAHRAIN (in the middle east). Population: 900,000

- ♦ Economy : Oil production
- ♦ Health Care : Health Care and education

• Pray for Malaysia—DRUG PROBLEMS.

- ♦ For stringent control of drugs in all entry points.
- ♦ For education of drug problems in schools.

• Pray for our Diocese - ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT.

- ♦ Revd Thien Vun Fui and family.
- ♦ Their staff & PCC members.
- ♦ Their various ministries, to bring back lost sheeps.

• Pray for our Parish - COGS Members' Activities.

- ♦ The Men's Fellowship & the Women's Fellowship; the Senior Citizens' Fellowship; the Youth & Children's meetings.
- ♦ All to serve in humility and joyfully for the glory of God.

- ♦ For the sick: Ps Margaret Chong, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Francis Lam, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Tay Phui Teen, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Chia Soon Yin, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min, Chong Hyun Vui.

06 & 07 April Attendance / Communicants		Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 7.30pm	222 / 179	Children (BM)	70	Discov-ery Club	85
Hakka 7.00am	216 / 195	Children (Mawar)	21	BB	48
English 9.30am	184 / 158	Children (Labuk - Chi)	76		
BM 9.30am	229 / 194	Children (Labuk - Eng)	43	TOTAL	-
Hakka 2.30pm	64 / 56	BM Youth	37	Cell Group Attendance	
		Inspired Youth	41	Chinese	-
		Impact Youth	15	English	-
		Tadika COGS	133	BM	-
TOTAL	915 / 782	TOTAL	436	TOTAL	133