



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 19 April 2020



Message from Our Senior Priest

After 6 weeks of 'retreat', may all experience the reality of God's awesome presence! Before the Government made the announcement of extending the MCO for another 2 weeks I was just thinking ahead will it

affect the Holy Week. Now, it is our immediate history! What is more important now is to reflect on what is God saying to us individually through this 'retreat'? It is possible that God allows the pandemic as His way calling us to 'pause' so that we may be able to take stock and review our relationship with God individually as well as corporately as a Church!

It is appalling to see how Covid-19 spread, with **1.6 million** cases and **95,753** deaths as on Good Friday, 10th April 2020! It is very painful & heartbreaking to see how the whole world is so badly affected especially those who were infected, those who had died (see Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFiiLHRitxs&t=472s>) & the sufferings of their respective family members as well as all frontliners. I was trying to imagine what the death of 70,000 people was like (see **1 Chronicles 21.14**). Why did the Lord allow such event to happen to His people? The Scriptures clearly recorded that such pestilence was due to David's sin (see **1 Chronicles 21.8**)! What caused the Lord to act in such manner? It was David's pride (see **1 Chronicles 21.1-3**)! David failed to trust God completely. Honestly speaking, as your Pastor, this is my own problem also from time to time. While shepherding God's sheep, the tendency to take things for granted is real. Trusting in people more than God is a great danger of any Pastor. Even doing God's ministry, pride can slip in if we are not careful.

What must we do in this period of 'retreat'? Paul in his letter to the Ephesians instructed very clearly what it means for us all as people who follow Jesus! Paul strongly advised that we live a life worthy of God's calling (see **Ephesians 4.1**). Paul clearly explained what true humility is in a practical manner: (1) gentleness, (2) patience, (3) love, & (4) peace (see **Ephesians 4.2-3**). This is needed for us a God's Church to remain united & focused on what the Lord requires of us! So that we will no longer busy with 'ministry' to the point of losing God's destiny for us as His people at COGS Sandakan! Being humble enables us to do one particular thing God is looking for among us now: **obedience**! This is what the Heavenly Father spoke to the 3 disciples who went with Jesus to a high mountain (see **Mark 9.2-7**). Let us continue to learn the same as we dwell in His presence and wait upon Him so we may hear & follow what He wants us to do in preparation to move forward under His Lordship!

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 (Hakka 1), Church

Sunday:

7:00 am (Hakka 2), Church

9:30 am (English), Church

9:30 am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30 pm (Mandarin), Church

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- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (Easter 2)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son, to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life, give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

COGS Office will be OPEN every



Monday, Wednesday & Friday

The Church Of The Good Shepherd
圣公会善牧堂



Pre-Recorded Online Service

预录主日网络崇拜 (上午9时正)

LIVE THIS SUNDAY AT 9AM WITH

CANON JAMES LEE 李德义 圣牧长

CONTRIBUTIONS & GIVINGS

1. OFFERING & TITHING



管家奉献

Ways To Give Offering

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Still things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.
万物都是从上而来，我们把从上而来的献物主。
Segalanya adalah pemberian-Mu dan apa yang kami berikan ini kepunyaan-Mu juga



2. ANGLICAN SIBUGA PROJECT (ASP)

- By online transfer to **Alliance Bank A/c: 101320010031353.**
- Official receipts to be issued upon request via **WhatsApp no: 0198905604.**



3. SEKOLAH RENDAH VISI, SANDAKAN

- By online transfer to **Alliance Bank A/c: 101320010073123.**
- Official receipts to be issued upon request via **WhatsApp no: 0109836142.**

For the convenience of members who wish to put in your donations into the offering box, it will be placed there on the following days and times: Every Monday & Wednesday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please indicate your type of givings. Thank you.



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8 NIV



MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER

EXTENDED

UNTIL APRIL 28TH

S NEWS

#PLEASE STAY AT HOME

Do your part.
Pray for an end
to the pandemic.



Let us pray for...

COUNTRIES WITH CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS CASES



SOURCE: WHO, CDC, WIC, Our World in Data

||| KES POSITIF MENGIKUT NEGERI (setakat 14/4/2020, 12 PM)



● Pray for OUR WORLD - THE ONGOING COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

- ◆ Pray that we shall raise a level of repentance before the Lord that will cause His mercy to triumph against the COVID-19 Pandemic in the nation.
- ◆ Pray that we who are praying will receive divine strength from the Lord to pray effectively.
- ◆ Declare that we who put our trust in the Lord will receive divine immunity from the Lord against this plague.
- ◆ Pray for those who are or will be affected by the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus and pray for healing. Pray for those whose livelihood is adversely affected, and students whose schooling is interrupted.

- ◆ Pray for an availability of resources to help in the fight against the virus, particularly in poor nations.
- ◆ Pray for Christians all over the world to share the word of hope and encouragement effectively at this time of crisis, especially the churches in Malaysia and the Province of South East Asia.

● **Pray for the sick:**

Mdm Chan Fon Ping, Michael Yio Cho Kui, Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.

The _____ of the Servant King! Acts 16.1-15; Mark 9.2-29

Brief recap of **Mark 1-9.1**: Mark's Gospel shows _____ and it was affirmed by Peter through God's revelation (see **Mark 8.29; Matthew 16.17**)! Jesus spoke of His Kingship in the context of _____ which is to be established through Jesus' death & resurrection (see **Mark 8.31-32**)! Jesus also set the requirements for all who want to _____ : through denying of self & carrying the cross (see **Mark 8.34**). Through **Mark 9.2-29**, Jesus continued to teach the implication of His Kingship in the subsequent events which affirmed His _____.

1. Jesus' _____ ! (Mark 9.2-13)

2. Jesus' _____ ! (Mark 9.14-29)

Reflection & Application:

1. What comes to your mind where you read this saying: '**NO PAIN, NO GAIN**'? What about '**NO CROSS, NO CROWN**'? Do you think the concept of Jesus' expectation is still relevant for today's people who want to follow Him? Please read **Mark 8.34**.
2. Jesus affirmed His Kingship by telling the 12 disciples that is the reason why He has to suffer and die. What was Mark's purpose recording the Transfiguration event as witnessed by 3 disciples of Jesus (see **Mark 9.2-3**)?
3. What was God's purpose for manifesting His glory on the mount (read **Mark 9.7**)? How is it related to what Jesus told the disciples about God's authority against the demonic spirits (read **Mark 9.25-29**)? How can we apply this in with the pandemic Covid-19 situation?