



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 14 June 2020



Message from Our Senior Priest

Now that our Prime Minister had announced officially last week that Malaysia is maintaining the MCO but in Recovery Phase from 10th June till 31st August 2020.

MCO is not lifted yet. With this news, I would like to announce that COGS Sandakan will continue to conduct Online Services till further notice when we receive Official announcement by our Diocesan Bishop.

Please kindly accept my humble apology for the technical problem which happened last weekend where the premiere uploaded in the Facebook page can't be viewed due to songs' copyright issue. Sad to say all the 3 Online services encountered the same problem. It happened to Online Services of other Anglican churches in the Diocese as well. There was a webinar which touched on the said matter. Through the webinar, indeed there are things we need to do. I want to assure members of COGS Sandakan that we are following up and will need time to learn this matter and to do it right. Meanwhile, I have personally also asked the Diocesan Leadership to look into this matter and to see if it is possible that the Diocese can get an official permission to cover all the Anglican churches within the Diocese of Sabah that are doing Online Services. We thank God still, because we managed to tackle the matter as soon as we can, informing all to join the online services via Youtube link.

At this point of time, I want to ask all CGs of COGS Sandakan to continue gathering online, even though the Government had allowed non-Muslim religions to commence according to the SOPs set out. However, members of Council of Churches Malaysia (CCM) where Anglican Diocese of Sabah is a member, had published on Thursday, 21st May 2020 through www.thestar.com.my with the headlines: **"Council of Churches says its churches will open only when MCO is lifted."** The Secretary-General of CCM, Revd Dr Hermen Shastri, also stated that CCM also depend on the assurance to be announced by the MOH that Malaysia is no longer under the threat of Covid-19. The main reason is very clearly stated: **"We seek to prioritize the safety of our people as our paramount spiritual duty. The current situation is still very precarious and volatile."** While waiting for the Official Circular from our Diocesan Bishop on this matter, please be informed that COGS Sandakan will continue with Online Services until further notice. Let us all pray continuously then, by helping to take care of each other during the RMCO period. But let us continue to worship online together and conduct our CGs by using all the available digital platforms. May God's peace and presence continue to keep us all safe & strong in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.**

Online Services



Saturday

Chinese : 8.00 pm

Sunday

English : 9.00 am

BM : 11.00 am

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Ps Wong Hyen Tze
Ps Chin Yock Len

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Eng Adults - Canon James Lee
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Children Zone (Ch/Eng/BM)
- Ps Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Ch/Eng/BM)

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

COGS NEWS

**COGS will continue ONLINE SERVICES
until further notice!**



At our church front gate, we have put up this notice for everyone's attention. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

尊敬的访客,感谢您为以下事项给予配合
Pelawat yang dihormati,
terima kasih atas kerjasama anda untuk perkara-perkara berikut.



Hand Sanitizer Station

Please register your personal details whenever you enter COGS' compound during MCO period by using COGS QR CODE. Kindly use a scanner app in your mobile smartphone to scan the COGS' QR code at the Registration counter.



Meet, please contact:
Josiah Soh 018-3202822

Diocesan Welfare Sunday
is recognized in the Diocese (7 June -
5 July 2020). Envelopes are prepared
on the cabinet outside the church
office. Please contribute as the Lord
blesses. You may contribute through
Boost, Online Banking or drop it into
the Offering Box during Office Hours.
Thank you.



GIVINGS AND OFFERING



Alliance Bank A/c: 101320010031353.
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request via **WhatsApp no: 0109836142.**



For the convenience of members who wish to put in your givings into the offering box, it will be placed there on the following days and times:

Day: **Monday to Saturday**

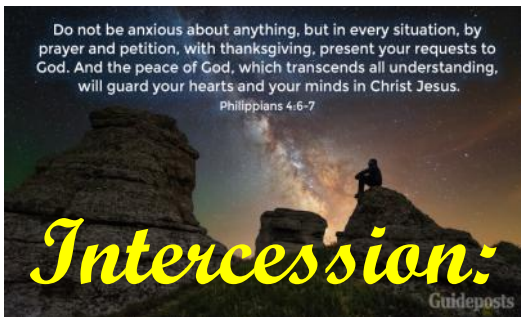
Time: **9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Lunch hour's between 12:00 noon & 1:30 pm)**

Please indicate your type of givings. Thank you.

LET US PRAY

Collect for Today (Trinity 1)

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THANKSGIVING:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.(John 14:15-18)

- ◆ We thank the Lord that He will not leave us as orphans, and He has given us His Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Counsellor.
- ◆ Thank God for healing many from this Covid-19 virus infection especially in this nation. We thank the Lord for His protection over us against Covid-19 as we see the spread of it is largely contained in our nation.

REPENTANCE :

- ◆ Pray to the Lord to reveal any ungodly ways and works of the flesh in us. Let us not only confess and repent of our sinful deeds (our garments) but repent of our sinful ways and patterns of living, thinking, decision making (our heart) that often led us into sinful deeds and fruitless works.

- ◆ Confess and repent of our sins that focus sel-fishly on our own needs, and not on seeking God's glory and God's Kingdom.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCHES OF ALL NATIONS:

- ◆ Pray to the Lord to stir up His Churches in fervent prayers for the churches, and nations around the world.
- ◆ Pray that the Churches will be guided into new strategies to evangelize to the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD :

- ◆ Pray to God to intervene over the violent attacks of the Blacks and the American Police in the United States of America.
- ◆ Pray that God will grant peace between the United States, China and Australia over the trade-war negotiations which could not be finalized.
- ◆ Covid-19 Virus Pandemic - The frontliners and the grieving.

Pray For The Unwell

Chin Siew Jin, Liew Oi Hyen, Chan Fon Ping, Michael Yio Cho Kui, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.



of the Servant King!

1 Peter 2.13-25; Mark 12.1-17

From Mark's Gospel, it is very clear that Jesus is indeed _____ of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by Jesus (**Mark 1.15**)! Then Jesus revealed _____ among to the 12 disciples _____ later (**Mark 8-11**). Take note of the intensity Jesus encountered. His authority was being _____ by the various leaderships in Jerusalem (**Mark 11.20-13.37**). Before that, Jesus had already mentioned what was going to happen to Himself 3 times (see **Mark 8.31-32; 9.30-31; 10.33-34**)! Yet, Jesus consistently focused to accomplish _____ of God's Kingdom as implied **Mark 12.1-12**. Jesus was prepared for the onslaught of the coming rejections till His crucifixion! Last week, we saw how the Sanhedrin questioned Jesus' authority and His response (see **Mark 11.15-33**). Let us continue to learn how Jesus handled the rest of the rejections as follows:-

1. God's _____ ! (**Mark 12.1-12**)

2. God's _____ ! (**Mark 12.13-17**)

Reflection & Application:

1. Can you recall the Vision statement of COGS? Answer: _____. Jesus called all who truly believe through faith in Him is also to follow Him in His footstep (**Mark 8.33-34**; read also **1 Peter 2.21**). In what manner will we be readily to stand firm for our faith in Jesus when people reject us in Sandakan?
2. How can we apply God's patience in our relationship with people who repeatedly refuse to accept the Gospel? In reality, what could be some of the reasons for the people who are not ready to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour & Lord? How can we imitate Jesus' example consistently in sharing the Gospel in Sandakan in the midst of people who reject the Gospel?
3. What is the one thing Apostle James taught us to pray for (read **James 1.5**)? Why wisdom? What kind of wisdom should we be acquiring daily as we learn to be like Jesus? In the face of continuous objection or opposition towards God and His word, what should be our guiding principle that we can draw from Jesus' response? Have we made up our mind to honor God above everything? We need God's help so we can stay strong & focus on Jesus as we follow Jesus.