Theme : Is The Here? Text : Isaiah 7.10-16; Matthew 1.18-25
John the Baptist had revealed Christ's true identity as the (see Matthew 11.2-3). However, is Jesus also King today? When one comes to faith in Him, does one come under Christ's Kingship? From the experiences of many, faith in Christ begins with His salvation by repentance for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift eternal life in Christ as the King who rules over our lives implies an acknowledgment in every aspects of one's life. That is an ongoing learning process. As angel Gabriel had proclaimed that the King is with (see Matthew 1.23, cf. Isaiah 7.14), truly the presence of Jesus the King is here also! But what does it mean for us today? Let us learn from Joseph & Mary as follows:-
1. The (Matthew 1.18-21)
2. The (Matthew 1.22-23)
3. The (Matthew 1.24-25)
Reflection & Application: 1. Is there a matter in your heart that you know God wants you to do
something? Have you obeyed and carried out what the Lord wants? If not, what is holding you back? 2. Put yourself in the place of Mary or Joseph, what is the one thing you need today so that you can live out the Kingship of Jesus? 3. Since Jesus the King is here with us also, in what way would you be the
person to bring someone back into relationship with God as He directs and leads today?

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THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 22 DEC 2019

Message from Our Senior Priest



Today, something is worth giving God all the glory especially for the movement of connecting people with God personally! Any people disregards their background, when one made a decision to acknowledge & receive Christ's Kingship personally, it is one of God's greatest miracles!

Why? Remember what Jesus said in *Luke 15.10*. "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." God works in great crusade with thousands and thousands of people but He also works in just 1 soul alone. Apostle Philip was directed by God to go to the desert place just to reach 1 Ethiopian eunuch (see *Acts 8.26-40*).

On the 9 Dec 2019, during the Caroling night, there was 1 person who openly confessed and repented as well as received Christ personally! This is part and parcel of fulfilling God's Great Commission!! Praise God for working powerfully through brothers and sisters who make time to go visiting homes open for Caroling visitation teams. Let us rejoice together that we are seeing God's mighty hands upon us all at COGS Sandakan. More to come!

Let us praise God also for the <u>14 people being baptized</u> last weekend and this weekend! When people come forth to be baptized it is indeed the great work of God Himself who should be praised. At this juncture, I like to thank all the instructors of Baptism classes for preparing the candidates thoroughly.

What is important now is to make sure people keep working out each individual salvation! For Paul said in *Philippians 2.12*: "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - *continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.*" All true followers of Jesus are reminded to keep working out our relationship with Jesus! Paul stressed the manner: 'with fear and trembling.' What does it mean? It simply means to keep following and learning to be like Jesus. Faithfully applying the principles of God's word by reading & meditating out of love for God who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords! Keep realigning with God until we see Him face to face when Christ comes again!

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:

7:00am (Hakka 2), Church 9:30am (Eng), Church 9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30pm (Mandarin), Church

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Our Team

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The Rt Revd Melter Jiki Tais

PRIEST IN-CHARGE
Canon James T V Lee

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Revd Timithy Jerry Revd Chin Kah Jin Revd F C Chong Revd Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Ps Chin Yock Len

ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee
Eng Adult- Canon James Lee
BM Adults - Revd Timithy Jerry

MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)
- Ps Chin Yock Len

- PS Chin Yock Len
Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (Advent 4)

Raise up your great power, Lord, and come among us to save us, that, although through our sins we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your plentiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the sufficiency of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM (CHI/ENG)

Dates: 21 & 22 December 2019

- 21 Dec, Sat 7:30 pm (Chi)
 Candidates: Chang Kim Tan,
 Cheng Pui Yee
- 22 Dec, Sun 9:30 am (Eng)
 Candidates: Isaiah Chung Hao En,
 Lim Kai Min



Date: 24 Dec 2019 (Tuesday)
Time: 6:30 pm - look around for food
8:00 pm - celebration commences

Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga

- Please invite new friends by buying an invitation card @ RM10.00/card
- Invitation cards are for sale after the weekly church services.
- Invitation card is exchangeable for food from the food trucks.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (ENG/CHI/BM)

Date: 25 Dec 2019 (Wednesday)





on 26 & 27 Dec 2019 (Thu & Fri)

ENG/BM COMBINED SERVICE

Date: 29 Dec 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 9:30 am
Venue: Church

Note: Hakka & Mandarin

Services remain as usual.

BLOOD DONATION

Date: 29 Dec 2019 Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Barrett Hall



Worship!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Date: 28 Dec 2019 (Sat) Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Venue: Wisma Anglican

Parking Area, KK



INSTALLATION OF THE 6TH ARCHBISHOP OF THE SEA PROVINCE, THE RT REVD DATUK MELTER JIKI TAIS

Date: 09 Feb 2020 (Sun)

Time: 4:00 pm

Venue: All Saints' Cathedral, KK

DINNER

Date: 09 Feb 2020 (Sun)

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: KK Hakka Association Hall

Dinner Ticket @ RM85/pax

COGS BUDGET & PLANNING DAY

Date: 08 & 09 Jan 2020 (Wed &

Thur)
Venue: Wisma COGS

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ELLEL MINISTERIES Ellel Ministries

Date: 11 Jan 2020 (Sat)

Time: 9:30 am—12:00 noon

Venue: Hse No. 31, Lrg 5, Sanny Estate

For more information, please call 014-622-6033 (Ellel Sabah) 013-883-1299 (Josephine Tan)

CHINESE NEW YEAR (DAY 1) 25 JAN 2020 (Sat)

CHI/ENG/BM Services Combine

Time: 8:00 am Venue: Church



SHUTTLE SERVICE (COGS / VISION SCHOOL / COGS)

♦ CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

Date: 24 Dec 2019 (Tue) Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Contact: Chong Kui Siong @ 014-729-0644

♦ CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Date: 25 Dec 2019 (Wed) Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am Contact: Joel Leong @ 010-201-4770

• Pray for the sick:

Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.

Intercession:



- Pray for our world COSTA RICA.
 In mid Americas. Population: 5 million.
 - ♦ Economy: Dependent on Agriculture and tourism.
 - Religion: Staunch Catholicism, others not encouraged. Over 90% are catholics.
- Prayers: For encouraging growth in evangelicals since 1970.
- Pray for Malaysia NAVY.
 - **♦** For professional commitment.
 - Navy's protection against the problems of the Abu Sayaf in the east coast of Sabah.
 - ♦ For protection of illegal fishing in the coastal waters of the nation.
- Pray for our Diocese DESERT STREAM ANGLICAN CHURCH, KK.
 - Revd Canon Kenneth Thien and Ying Ying.
 - ♦ For their ministries.
 - ♦ Their Christmas preparations/ celebrations.
- Pray for our Parish WELFARE MINISTRY
 - ♦ Chairman Yong Fook Choi and the committee members.
 - For sufficient funds to carry out the ministries.

14 & 15/12/19 Attendance / Communicants		COGS Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 1 7.30pm	266 / 214	Children (BM)		Dis- covery Club	
Hakka 2 7.00am	163 / 135	Children (Mawar)		ВВ	
Eng 9.30am	171 / 148	Children (Labuk- Chi)		(Jr &	
BM 9.30am	381 / 223	Children (Labuk - Eng)		Snr)	
Mandarin 2.30pm	58 / 44	TOTAL	-	TOTAL	-
		BM Youth		Cell Group Attendance	
		Inspired Youth		Chi	
		Impact Youth		Eng	
		Tadika COGS		ВМ	
TOTAL	1039 / 764	TOTAL	-	TOTAL	-

Order of Service	Advent 4 (22/12/19)	Christmas I (29/12/19) Eng / BM
Introit Hymn A	Angels from the realm of glory (HfTC 77)	Come Christians, Join to Sing (HOP 49)
Greetings	Jus Ng	Stephanie Chin/Dining S
Praise & Worship	Claudia Lopez	Ang P Ming/Rajis Kunama
Collect for Today		
Bible Reading	Isaiah 7: 10—16 Hendry Tan	Isaiah 63: 7— 9 (Eng) Patrick Lim
Nicene Creed		
Gospel Reading	Matthew 1: 18—end Stephanie Chin	Matthew 2: 13 — 23 (BM) Revd Albert Lintikan
Message	Christ The King Is With Us! Canon James Lee	The King Rules Forever Canon James Lee & Revd Timithy
Response Hymn		
Intercession	Dr Robert Ong	-
Confession		
Offertory Hymn	I serve a Risen Saviour (HOP 110)	O to be like Thee (HOP 251)
Holy Communion,	. Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiv	ring, Blessing & Dismissal
Thanksgiving Hymn	Follow On (HOP 402)	Stand Up For Jesus (HfTC 535)
	Serving One Anothe	r:
Group Leader	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)
Welcome Team D	Dr Robert Ong & Melissa Mr & Mrs David Ngui	Mr & Mrs Patrick Lim Francis Ng, Maxwell Ng & BM team
Sidesmen	Jimmy Kho, Hendry Tan Melissa Ong, Emily Ng	Mr & Mrs Ngo Su Hian Ku Mu Jin & BM team
Server	Lam Kai Kwong	Foo Chee Hiong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon Mary Ngui	Lue Fui Hua Mercy Chong
Offertory Count	Rona Yuen (C) Yuen Kat Min, Emily Ng Lena Wong, Mark Mak Rosie Chia	Alice Chang (C) Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Michael Chin & BM team
Washing up	Jonathan Ong Amanda Ong	Monica Ho Lue Fui Hua