

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 05 April 2020





Message from Our Senior Priest

Upon reflection, there were many views about the pandemic Covid-19. What you are about to read in this front page is purely a personal reflection which I hope members of COGS Sandakan will take time to evaluate

how we will response personally. Please know that this is not something that everyone likes to read. This page is written with much humility and heaviness of heart which I am willing to be corrected if it is considered not true at all.

Before end of March 2020, I was following Ps Julius Suubi who did daily online Lunch Hour Service (LHS). Listening & discerning what the Lord may be saying now in this season of realignment. I hope many manage to follow what Ps Julius Suubi had announced about the global Solemn Assembly on Saturday, 4 April 2020! Surely this is no coincidence but God's incident! From Joel 1.13-20, we read that Solemn Assembly is a call for repentance! The gathering of God's people to humble & genuine repenting of our own sins, family sins, generational sins, community's sins, as well as national sins. Observe carefully the charge to repent first was addressed to the Leaders and citizens of Israel (Joel 1.2a)! Then, the Lord presented a question in Joel 1.2b: "Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors?" At that time, it was the locust plague. Joel was warning of the coming destruction upon the northern Kingdom of Israel by the Babylonians (Joel 1.6-7, 15-18). That everything will be cut off from Israel (Joel 1.9-12). But the purpose was to call the Israelites to return to the Lord! This is the main intention of God calling for a solemn assembly (Joel 1.13-14) that His people will go back to God, with honest admission of sins and repentance and crying out to Him for mercy!! So, let us cry out to God together for His fire of true repentance (Joel 1.19).

What do we get out of this Covid-19 plague now? Nothing ever happened like Covid-19 before right? Covid-19 is a globalize plague! Is it not true that everything is slowly shutting down? I am writing this to tell you as your Pastor, I have to repent of my own sins. God has spoken and He is speaking again. Calling specifically all elders – the leadership of COGS Priests, Deacon, Pastors, PCC members, Lay Readers and CG Leaders that we may lead members of COGS to have our Solemn Assembly also! To do this, I am calling all to do *a 7 days fast, starting Monday, 6 April till Sunday, 12 April*! May God's fire of repentance bring us to experience the power of Jesus' resurrection on Sunday, 12 April 2020!

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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Canon James T V Lee

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

MINISTRIES

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

Youth Zone (Ch/Eng/BM)
- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



NO SUNDAY SERVICES No week-end HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES until further notice.

OFFICE CLOSED

extended to 14 April 2020 as per the government's order of MCO. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. The pre-recorded "worship" will be posted every weekend in OFFICIAL COGS FACEBOOK PAGE.







CONTRIBUTIONS & GIVINGS

1. OFFERING & TITHING



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.
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 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.













Intercession:



- Pray for our world THE ONGOING COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
 - Pray for God's intervention over the COVID-19 Pandemic— good health, protection upon all Doctors & all medical staff on the frontlines in every country.
 - Pray for all 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 God's wisdom to be given to all medical researchers and scientists to find the most effective medications and vaccine to cure the patients infected.
 - Continue to pray for Italy, United States, United Kingdom, Scotland, India, our country Malaysia, and many other countries affected.
- Pray for our Diocese SULAMAN ANGLICAN CHURCH
 - ♦ Ps Sonia Dais & her staff team.
 - ♦ For protection & precaution against COVID-19 in their daily roles & ministries, at this time of "lockdown" period.
- Pray for our Parish COGS SENIOR CITIZENS MINISTRY & THE KEENAGERS
 - For Revd Chong Fen Chung and Mrs Chin Kah Jin — for strong physical good health.
 - For God's protection and guidance at all times for all aged members.
- 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 Servant King!

Acts 14.1-7, 19-28; Mark 8.27-9.1

This is a brief recap of Mar	k 1-8.26: Although Mark had proven	through
His teachings and ministrie	s, yet many people & the 12 disciples failed	to recognize it!
The Gospel of God's King	dom reveals through	in
	established through Jesus' death & resur	
	with God forever! Having	
	om, with condition Jesus began to affirm	
	ements for all who want to	
	commitment based on	
more by looking at Mark 8.		
1. God's	_ ! (Mark 8.27-30)	
2. God's	! (Mark 8.31-33)	
3. God's	_! (Marks 8.34-9.1)	
Reflection & Application:		
As we aim to become personally?	like Jesus through Mark's Gospel, who i	s Jesus to you
When we fill up official	e demonstrate our relationship with Jesus form do we honestly state that we are Christ to share what are some of the struggles? ering <i>Mark 8.38</i> ?	ians genuinely?
3. Jesus clearly spelled ou	t the cost and the true meaning of followin	g Him in <i>Mark</i>

8.34. How can we follow Christ by denying ourselves & carrying our crosses today in Sandakan? Is there someone who can be an example for us to follow Christ in a

sacrificial manner?