



## CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2024

### A Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, who in Your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**They devoted themselves  
to the fellowship - Acts 2:42**

English Worship Service is **live-streamed, 9:30 a.m.:**

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.  
We gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to encourage  
one another to obey Him.

## 1. THANK-YOU

A big 'thank-you' to all who served our people well at Easter Sunday. A big group of volunteers worked very hard at serving us during, and after, the Services. From the floral decorations, to leading worship, to providing sound and sight, to welcoming our people, to preparing Easter eggs, to preparing food, to cleaning up - the list goes on. It was a great family gathering; to worship the risen Lord Jesus. Alleluia, indeed!

## 2. EASTERTIDE

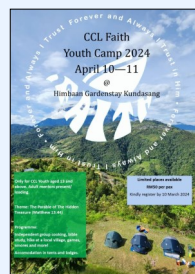
One of the immediate effects of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the birth of a community, called the church. It began with 120 of Jesus' disciples on the day of Pentecost. It slowly, but steadily and surely, grew to be a worldwide community.

This Eastertide, we will look at some of the characteristics of this 'resurrection community'. Based on the letter of 1 John, they are:

- 7 Apr: Fellowship - 1 John 1:5-2:2
- 14 Apr: Righteousness - 1 John 3:1-7
- 21 Apr: Obedience - 1 John 3:16-end
- 28 Apr: Boldness - 1 John 5:1-6
- 5 May: Confidence - 1 John 5:9-13
- 12 May, Mother's Day: Love - 1 John 4:7-end
- 19 May, Pentecost: Power

## 3. BUSY RAYA HOLIDAY AHEAD

- **EN youth** -10-11 Apr, Wed-Thurs: retreat at Kundasang. Theme: 'Parable of the Hidden Treasure'. Activities include cooking their own meals, hiking to local village, sleeping under tents, bible study and more. Pray for a great time together.
- **BM congregation** -10-12 Apr, Wed-Fri: 50 of us are joining the BM Prayer Conference, St. Patrick's Church, Tawau. Theme: *Breakthrough Impact*.
- **Diocesan Clergy** - 9-12 Apr, Tues-Fri: World Anglican Chinese Clergy Conference, Taiwan.

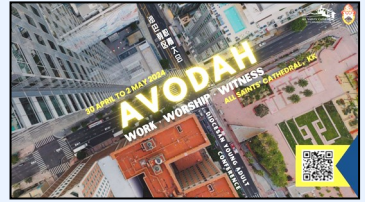


About 30 clergy and their wives will be joining; including our Rector and Lorraine.

- Pray for safe travel and a meaningful time for all the participants.

#### 4. DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

- 30 Apr-2 May - CH & EN Young Adults' Conference, All Saints' Cathedral, KK. Open for registration. RM200 per person. Subsidy available. To date, over 160 registrations.
- 28-30 May - CH & EN Youth Camp, Vision School, Tawau. Open for registration. RM135 per person (includes food and lodging).



#### 5. FAMILY LIFE TOGETHER

During our recent AGM, the issue of face-masks was mentioned. Please consider the following:

- some of us have developed the habit of wearing face-masks as a 'new normal'. Esp., among crowds, like in a church setting. It is no more a question of avoiding Covid; but is one of general and personal hygiene;
- some of us, however, have other preferences;
- we strongly affirm that we are ALL committed to the general well-being of everyone; esp., those in our beloved church community.
- Let the wearing, or not wearing, of face-masks be a personal preference. We respect one another.
- As for the distribution of Holy Communion, there will always be stations served by lay-readers who wear face-masks.

#### 6. PROJECT 'INVEST' - thank-you

- Needed - RM600,000
- Last week - RM7,160
- Total to date - RM7,160

#### 7. OTHER MINISTRIES

- WELFARE - our welfare teams reached out to a few families recently. Some families were affected by fire; another by a very bad car accident.



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## Marks of the 'resurrection community'

### **FELLOWSHIP**

"if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another" - 1 John 1:7

For reflection and discussion:

1. What do you usually do when there is a power-cut (mati current!!)?
2. Read 1 John 1:5-7. What does it mean to 'walk in the light' and 'walk in darkness'? Give some practical examples.
3. What happens when we all 'walk in the light'? What does it mean to have 'fellowship with one another'? Describe a church where everyone is in 'fellowship with one another'. See also Acts 2:42-47.
4. 1 John 1:8-10. What do you say to someone who claims she has no sin? Or she has never sinned? Is it possible not to sin? Why or why not?
5. What do we do when we know that we have sinned - v8? What does God promise us? Is there any sin too big to be forgiven? What can I do if I don't feel forgiven?
6. 1 John 2:2. What has Jesus done for us on the cross? How may we claim it for ourselves? If appropriate, pray for yourself, or someone in the group, for forgiveness of sins. Fellowship is sharing - share prayers, cares and concerns.

### **FOR PRAYER**

#### **Our beloved World**

- pray for those affected by the earthquake in Taiwan  
[ that they may receive the help and comfort they needed ]

#### **Our beloved Community**

- pray for those celebrating the festive season  
[ that harmony among the various communities may be experienced ]

#### **Ourselves**

- pray for the Anglican World Chinese Clergy Conference, Taiwan  
- pray for the BM prayer conference, Tawau  
[ that all be refreshed by the Spirit and the Word; for safe travels ]  
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.