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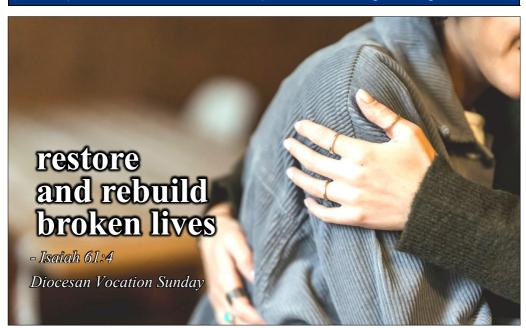
# 14th Sunday of Trinity - 1 September 2024

# A Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Gospel - Mark 9:2-7

Responsive Reading - 2 Kings 2:1-12



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

- YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>
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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. PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

Happy National Day & Happy Sabah Day. We thank the good Lord for our beautiful land and our friendly people. We pray for godly leadership to guide our nation to greater peace, harmony and prosperity.

Today, our Rector is visiting Christ the King Anglican Church, at Taman Kingfisher. Lorraine is with him.

The church office will be closed for two days, 2-3 Sept. Reopens on Wed, 4 Sept. For urgent pastoral needs, please contact our careline: 019-661 1558.

#### 2. HAPPENING TONIGHT

#### - 'CONCERT WITH JUN & TEAM'

At 6:00 pm. This event features Brother Jun, a local Christian artiste, and his team. Together, their songs are popularly shared in the social media. Christ Church's singers, and worshipdancers, will also be featured. Admission is free. Free-will offertory welcomed. We welcome people from other churches.



# 3. CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Over 100 people spent a 'day-away' yesterday at Kokol Prayer Summit. We learnt so much throughout the 10-week course. Many participants found their faith strengthened and are more ready to introduce Jesus to their friends and loved ones.



#### 4. SYNOD 2024

Thank you for praying. The 180 representatives from all the churches throughout the Diocese were much united in heart, mind and spirit, on their mission. Some highlights:

- The Bishop charged the whole Diocese to 'be a blessing'. Not least in the following manners:
  - Mission 113 2.0 every church to plant a new congregation, or a new church, in the next 3 years;
  - Education raise a new generation of young people through our

- kindergartens, mission schools, vision schools, and academies;
- Social Works to reach out to the poor and needy;
- National Harmony to build better relationships with our neighbours. Every church to display the 'Rukun Negara'.
- Synod resolved to demarcate within the Diocese of Sabah, three 'area-dioceses', viz., Area Diocese of Sabah West, Area Diocese of Sabah East and Area Diocese of Sabah South.
- Congratulations to:
  - Ps. Margaret Chong elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee and the Provincial Standing Committee
  - o Ms. Nar Chin Keow re-appointed Diocesan Registrar
  - o Archdeacon Moses Chin ex-officio at Standing Committee

#### 'THE GOD OF ELIJAH'

We conclude the sermon series today, with 'God Reigns', on the ascension of His servant, Elijah.

#### 6. DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

- 15-17 Sept 'Breakthru' prayer conference, in CH & EN at All Saints' Cathedral. Over 400 people have registered.
- 16-18 Sept Lay-Readers' Training (LPA), in BM, at Telupid. Over 450 people have registered.
- 19-21 Sept Youth Camp, in BM, at Telupid.
   Over 850 young people have registered.

#### 7. OTHER MINISTRIES

- Vacancies at ARK:
  - o Kitchen helper.
  - Laundry & Cleaning.
     Interested, please contact the Administrator 0168189013.
- The flowers for today are donated by the Wu's family.

# 8. **PROJEST INVEST -** thank-you!!

To date: RM116,895/- Last week: RM1,560/- Still needed: RM483,105/-









#### RESTORE AND REBUILD

Bishop Kenneth Thien, Chairman, Diocesan Vocation & Selection Committee At the 33rd Diocesan Synod meeting, the Synod has unanimously passed a resolution to demarcate 3 Area Dioceses within the Diocese of Sabah. This is a historic move for the Diocese. As the Diocese grows, the demands of the ministries also increase accordingly. It is time to reorganize the Diocese in its internal structure to increase efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out the mission of the Church.

We, the Church, are saved by Jesus to be called the Body of Christ. We are the expression of the will and heart of Christ on earth. We are to continue in the mission of Jesus on earth, till the fullness of His Kingdom has come. The mission of Jesus is described in this manner:

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Jesus came to save, heal, liberate and restore us to make us His Church, "That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3b). The Church has been commissioned to restore and rebuild broken lives in a sinful world by preaching the Kingdom of God and the message of salvation. "4And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations." (Isaiah 61:4)

The Diocese of Sabah is committed to this commission from the Lord. We need resources of all sorts to carry out this commission till the return of Jesus. We need men and women of God who will respond to the call of God in their lives to serve Him in various capacities in the ministries of the Church and in the marketplace. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest field. Let us join our efforts to raise both human and financial resources needed for our mission. Let us be ready and willing to be used by God for the expansion of His Kingdom- to restore and rebuild!

# **FOR PRAYER**

# **Our beloved World**

- pray for world peace; esp., in the Middle-East [ that warring nations will seek to protect lives and not destroy them ]

# Our beloved Diocese

- pray for all the churches to live out Bishop's Synod Charge [that we may reach out to serve more people]

# **Ourselves**

- pray for the CCL Concert tonight
   [ that many people will come and be encouraged to worship God anew ]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.