



CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known
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A Prayer for Today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Luke 19:11-23 Responsive Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11



1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift

USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

“Lord, make me a servant.”

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. **VOCATION SUNDAY**

Today we observe 'Vocation Sunday'. We thank God for all our priests and pastors serving in the diocese. We pray, encourage and give - for more workers in the 'harvest field'. See letter from Bishop Kenneth Thien, chairman of Vocation Committee.

2. **WARM WELCOME**

Special welcome to:

- brothers and sisters from the Gideons International; an organisation known for placing bibles in hotels;
- Mr. Mark Anderson, Northern Ireland; family man, church elder, author and speaker.

3. **THANK-YOU FOR PRAYING**

Over 1,200 people came to pray for our nation on Malaysia Day last Wed at the Cathedral, and in Telupid; with representatives from the various parts of the country, the different racial groups and the many Christian denominations. Many others joined in the online prayer chain throughout the day. We thank God for Malaysia and will continue to pray and work for its peace and prosperity.



4. **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is just around the corner! The Christian community in Sabah seeks to raise a 500-voice choir for the annual 'Sabah Christmas Celebration' (SCC).

Our practices will start next Sat, 26 Sept, Omega Hall, 5:15 pm-6:15 pm. Come and be part of a historic event in Sabah. You do not need to be in the regular choir in order to join in. This is a special choir for Christmas.

5. **CELEBRATING WITH OUR SENIORS**

The Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat is at All Saints' Cathedral, 5-7 Oct. The 'Welcome Dinner' at Hakka Hall, 5 Oct, is open to all. Ticket is at RM100 per pax. Details at the Service Desk.

6. CELEBRATING TOGETHERNESS

We are conducting a special moon-cake gathering on next **Sunday, 27 Sept, 5:00 pm.**

A team of Christian artistes from Hong Kong will be here to sing and to share their stories of God's grace in their lives. Our children will also be presenting; to be followed by a lantern procession. Dinner will be served. Please register, for yourself and for them - for catering purposes.



7. BM INTERCESSORS' RETREAT

ADOS-W BM Intercessors' Retreat, KPS, 4-6 Oct. More than 60 of us have registered. Some are staying overnight at Kokol.

8. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The 2nd banns of marriage is announced between Lim Vui Shiun and Soon Giok Jing, both of St. James' Church, Kudat. They plan to be married at our church on Sat, 3 Oct.

9. OTHER MINISTRIES

- 24 Sept, this Thu - **Home Communion**, 8:00 am.
- 26 Sept - **Evergreens** gathering, Omega Hall, 9:30 am.
- 26 Sept - **Global Worship**, at our church, 9:00 am-9:00 pm.
- Every Sunday afternoon, **games** available: carrom, table-tennis, pickleball, basketball, football and volleyball.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Lee Kiun Ket & family.

10. HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

With sadness in our hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our dearly beloved Sister Margaret Yong Lin Din, 94.

- Visits, FLS: today-Tues, 20-22 Sept
- 9:00 am-8:00 pm daily
- Wake Service, FLS: Tues, 22 Sept - 7:30 pm
- Funeral Service, church: Wed, 23 Sept
- 9:30 am. Followed by burial.



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‘THAT I MAY KNOW CHRIST’

Philippians 3:10

Weekly bible reading plan	Mon, Sept 21	John 20	Ps 100	Fri, Sept 25	Acts 3-4	Ps 104
	Tue, Sept 22	John 21	Ps 101	Sat, Sept 26	Acts 5	Ps 105
	Wed, Sept 23	Acts 1	Ps 102	Sun, Sept 27	Acts 6-7	Ps 106
	Thu, Sept 24	Acts 2	Ps 103			

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit” - for reflection & discussion:

- a. We have all received ‘ang-pow’ before. What would your reaction be if you were told the ‘ang-pow’ given to you is for you to pass on to others; and not for you to keep?
- b. In 1 Cor 12:4-7, St. Paul says there are different kinds of gifts, service, and working, but the same Spirit, Lord, and God. What are the ‘differences’? What is ‘the same’? What is the purpose of the gifts, v7? What is meant by ‘common good’?
- c. Verses 8-11 list the various gifts (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, tongues, etc.). Who decides who gets what, v11? How does knowing that God Himself decides and gives the gifts free us from comparison or pride, while still encouraging us to discover and use what He has given? Give some examples.
- d. What does the parable of the talents (Luke 19:11-23), teach us about how we should manage the spiritual gifts God has given us?
- e. What gift, ability, opportunity, or resource has God entrusted to you that you could use more intentionally to serve Him and others? Also think of your experiences, training and hobbies.
- f. What one specific way you can put a gift or ability God has given you into action this week - so that it benefits others and is not left unused?

FOR PRAYER

Our Beloved Province

- pray that more priests, pastors and missionaries be raised to love, serve and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, throughout the Province.

Our Beloved Diocese

- pray for more leaders to serve; esp., in those churches which need a priest or pastor to shepherd God's people.

Ourselves

- pray that we may use the many gifts and talents God has given us to serve His people; and be a blessing to our friends.

- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.

FROM A JOB TO A VOCATION

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' They immediately left their nets and followed Him."

Matthew 4:18-20

The calling of Jesus' first disciples was marked by a decisive response from these fishermen. They were simply carrying out their work as usual. Then Jesus called them to follow Him and gave them a new assignment: to become fishers of men.

Much took place behind those few words, as we learn from the Gospel of Mark. Yet Matthew's shorter account captures several essential truths about calling, work, and vocation.

A vocation may be defined as *"a strong inner conviction, desire, or sense of being called to a specific type of work or way of life that aligns with a person's gifts and passions, while providing a deep sense of purpose."*

The disciples heard the call of Jesus. In responding to that call, they concluded that they could no longer continue in their work as fishermen. They left their jobs in order to enter into a vocation. The turning point was the call of Jesus.

This has been the experience of many servants of God who entered church ministry. They were faithfully engaged in their occupations or progressing along a particular career path. Then they heard God's call. In response, they left their jobs or set aside their intended career paths and entered full-time ministry. What transformed their jobs into a vocation was their sense of being called by God.

But what about those who work in secular occupations? Professionals, teachers, manual labourers, business people, executives, and many others. Can they too be called by God into a vocation? Most certainly.

They may be carrying out their jobs as usual. Yet when they encounter Jesus and hear His call, they begin to see that He can accomplish His purposes through their work. Responding to the call of Christ does not necessarily require them to leave their jobs. Rather, God's call can give new meaning and purpose to the very work they are already doing. Their jobs can become channels through which they serve God's purposes and bring glory to His name. In this way, their jobs are transformed into vocations through obedience to God's call upon their lives.

The Bible contains many examples of people who were called by God and yet remained in their occupations while being used powerfully for His purposes. Esther, Daniel, and Nehemiah are just a few examples. *"Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called."*

1 Corinthians 7:20

The Church today needs men and women from every walk of life to respond to God's call in order to fulfil the Great Commission. We need committed and capable Christians serving both within the Church and in the workplace: pastors, missionaries, educators, administrators, accountants, engineers, lawyers, doctors, skilled workers, executives, business people, and many others. God uses them all to build His Church and extend His Kingdom.

Every disciple of Jesus is called into a vocation, not merely to perform a job. Will you be willing to listen to God's call and step from simply doing a job into the vocation He has prepared for you?

The Right Reverend Kenneth Thien
Chairman
Diocesan Vocation and Selection Committee