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2nd April 2020

Dear Bishops, Archdeacons, Clergy and Pastors,

RE: ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the most precious and mighty name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

As you are well aware, the Movement Control Order (MCO) is extended to 14th of April and inevitably affected all regular church services including the Holy Week Services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter).

After discussion with the Provincial House of Bishops and our Diocesan Senior Leaders, I have made the following decisions: -

1. All respective dioceses will decide their own Holy Week Services arrangement according to their local context and constraints.
2. For Diocese of Sabah, please adhere to the following: -
 1. Due to MCO and geographical constraints especially in our Central Archdeaconry, there will be no services and no Holy Communion in all our Churches during the Holy Week. No Holy Communion also applies to worship services held at homes. I am aware that there are churches doing 'Online Consecration' of the Holy Communion. We can discuss about this when we meet as clergy and pastors body once things back to normal. But for now, my instruction on Holy Communion during Holy Week stands.
 2. We encourage every family to worship at your own respective homes.
 3. Churches may arrange their own Holy Week Services via online or live streaming for their members.
 4. Live Streaming and Recordings will be made available through Facebook, YouTube for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Churches may download these sermons and incorporate them in your own respective online or live-stream services.
3. We encourage all to continue to pray for God's gracious intervention to end the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and a vaccine for this coronavirus to be found.

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4. We pray for a quick end to MCO, and for the whole world to recover and move on in their lives. We also pray for comfort and strength upon those who have lost their loved ones to the pandemic.

We look forward for the day we all can return to worship and receive Holy Communion together in all our churches as a big family of God. May this temporal inconvenience causes us to have a deeper longing for the Heavenly Banquet that awaits us when Christ returns.

COLLECT FOR EASTER

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Most Reverend Datuk Melter Jiki Tais
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Bishop of Sabah

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