



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17TH MARCH 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMIVCYaw800>

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Professor John Kater
Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: The Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)
Hymns: Lent Prose (verse 5), 243 (omit *), 122, 124, 128
Anthem: Vexilla regis (Anton Bruckner)
Readers: Gordon Jones, Julianne Doe
Intercessor: Helen Clubb

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Letty Awingan

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 18th March 2024	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) English group</i>
TUE 19th Joseph of Nazareth	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.00pm	<i>Christians in Central</i>
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) Cantonese group</i>
WED 20th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Choral Concert by the Sunshine Chorus 'Boundless'</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 21st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	'Grace in a busy week' (in person/ZOOM)
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	8.30pm	<i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>
FRI 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
	12.15pm on Fridays in Lent	
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 23rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 24th March Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 Mark 15.1-39	Palm Sunday	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	9.30am	Palm Procession and Solemn Eucharist (bilingual) Celebrant: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	7.30pm	Palm Sunday Vespers with Bach's St John Passion (ticketed) Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon



*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.***

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31.31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days

of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 12.20-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted

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up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church in Wales.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our Archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We also pray for St Joseph's Church, the Revd Matthew Lee, the parish's kindergarten, primary school and social service centre; for the co-operation among the church, schools and social service agents in Kam Tin and Pat Heung; for the exploration of redevelopment of St Joseph's Church; for those residents affected by the new development in the district. Pray for the smooth progress of various activities and ministries in celebration of the church's 70th anniversary in 2024. Ask for God's blessing on St Joseph's Church that he may strengthen the hands of all who serve you here.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in

Charge. We also remember in our prayers our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. In recent days one church has been burnt down by the military, and in another parish Christian villagers have been attacked and brutally killed. The diocese is now providing basic food and shelter to over 3000 refugees.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Goh Phiak Swan, Yu Chi Keung, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Val Rice, Ben Cheng, Chu Lai Man, Eva Sorrel, Donna Willis, Julius Yam, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jane Pang Tong, Irena Wu, Muriel Tsang, Arturo Lamshing, Annabella Janssen, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Sarah Wong, Daisy Tai, Claire Gotten, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sister Jean Mary, Toung Ming, Hsu Hon Chung, Sanson Lau, Wong Dor Chun, Chuan Xiaokang, Yvonne Fong, and Lucita Villareal.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Gertrude (Trudie) Doe, So Luen Kwai Sophia, Michael Hahn, Tong Hing Fong Teresa, Kwok Shek Kwun Andrew, Leung So Chee Jenny and Shaun Kelly.

In Memoriam:

Antony Shiu Lau Chan

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157.**

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As conflicts rage in the Holy Land, Gaza and Ukraine, our world needs peace more than ever. Join members of the congregation to pray for peace on Zoom, every Thursday evening 8.30-9.00pm. Prayers provided, just join in. Please WhatsApp Fr Mark on 5180 5106 for the Zoom link.



Sunday 24th March 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist
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Palm Procession and Solemn Eucharist

The English and Mandarin congregations will combine for a joint service at

9.30am

Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses.
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11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
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1.30pm Liturgy of the Palms & Sung Eucharist (*Filipino*)

Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses.
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Palm Sunday Vespers with St John Passion

7.30pm

A LILY FOR EASTER

You can donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gesture of thanksgiving at Easter.



Envelopes for donation are available in the pews today. Please hand your envelope to a sidesman or drop it into the Offertory Box at the Cathedral's west door. Cheques should be written in favour of 'St John's Cathedral Flower Guild'.

SPRING CLEANING AT THE CATHEDRAL

A group of volunteers will do the Spring Cleaning at the Cathedral interior on 26th March (Tuesday), starting at 9.30am until completion, it will take approximately 2.5 hours. Should anyone who have interest to help, please call Thomas Li at the Cathedral office at Tel.: 25234157.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

25th March—Monday in HW

8.00am Said Eucharist
6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist

26th March—Tuesday in HW

8.00am Said Eucharist
1.15pm Said Eucharist
6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist

27th March—Wednesday in HW

8.00am Said Eucharist
6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist

28th March—Maundy Thursday

9.30am Chrism Eucharist
8.00pm Solemn Eucharist *with the Washing of Feet and Watch until Midnight*

29th March (PH)—Good Friday

9.00am Sung Morning Prayer
10.30am Liturgy of the Day (Mandarin)
12noon 'The Way of the Cross' - Worship for All
1.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday

30th March (PH)—Holy Saturday

9.00am Sung Morning Prayer
8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of the Resurrection

31st March—EASTER DAY

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Promises
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
5.00pm Festal Evensong

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS in the Li Hall after 9.00am service

Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

PALM SUNDAY VESPERS WITH BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION on 24th March 2024 at 7.30pm

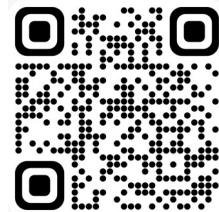
sung by St John's Cathedral Choir, together with Die Konzertisten, renowned soloists, and baroque orchestra.

Returned tickets in a limited amount will be available to apply online from 10.00am on Tuesday 19th March 2024, and will close when all available tickets are exhausted. Please refer to the application form (link and QR Code can be found at the bottom of this notice) description for further details.

The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between the 20th and 24th March during office hours.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications.
All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral.

The link for the Google application form:
<https://forms.gle/zsZmqLk5zid1Ue9i6>



CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL on Tuesday 19th March at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

Fr Amos will speak to us on J S Bach's Oratorio, St John Passion. He will enhance our appreciation of this masterpiece and enlighten us with its musical and liturgical significance.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served from 12.45pm

Tickets at \$60 are available at the Cathedral Bookstore.
Reservation can also be made through the Cathedral office on 2523 4157 or email Scarlett at reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College Sacred Music Department

ABRSM GRADE 8 THEORY

Date: 11/4/2024 to 10/10/2024 [21 lessons]
(Every Thursday, except 23-30/5, 25/7-15/8)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long
(MPhil (Music Theory), MMus (Composition) (CUHK))

Application: <https://forms.gle/p3r76HpVgacJ5G2E9> **Deadline: 30/3/2024**

The course fee will be \$4000, materials are not included.

The course will be taught in Cantonese. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact King Chan through 2536 7517 or king@minghua.edu.hk



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Li Hall on Sunday the 28th April 2024, at 1.00p.m. for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
 - (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
 - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
 - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.



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The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Dean

15th March 2024


NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 175 years, St John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday 28th April 2024, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by Monday 18th March 2024 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website or collect from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by Sunday 7th April 2024 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2024. Any inquiries may be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.


Mr Koon G Chiu
The Honorary Secretary
15th March 2024

