



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist

<https://youtube.com/live/HnPkjiwFWKY?feature=share>

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 2), 439 (omit *), 102 (omit v3),
92i, 537i
Anthem: Come, my way (William Harris)
Readers: Theodore Lau, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor: Mark Tse

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Kevin She


1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Meditation: The Dean
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 26th February 2024	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) English group</i>	
TUE 27th	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist	
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>	
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) Cantonese group</i>	
WED 28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Violin Recital by Ally Chung</i>	
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist	
THU 29th	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
	12.30pm	'Grace in a busy week' <i>(in person/ZOOM)</i>	
	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 1st March	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.15pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays in Lent	
SAT 2nd	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist <i>(Filipino)</i>	
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>	
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist <i>(Cantonese)</i> (Anticipated Sunday Service)	
SUN 3rd March <i>Exodus 20.1-17</i> <i>Psalm 19 (or 19.7-end)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1.18-25</i> <i>John 2.13-22</i>	The Third Sunday of Lent		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean	
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	
		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis	
		Preacher: The Dean	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon	
11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)		
	Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis		
	Preacher: The Dean		
1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)		
	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre		
5.00pm	Choral Evensong		
	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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 4.13-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8.31-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 Matthias' Church, the Revd Vincent Chan and his family; for the 85th Anniversary of St Matthias' Church, may God grant wisdom and love, so that all brothers and sisters may act according to the teaching of Christ, follow the examples of the parish's pioneers, and share the Gospel with all their hearts and with all their soul; for the fellowship and caring ministry, the nurturing ministry of the parish; for the school ministry in St Matthias' Church Nursery School, St Matthias' Church Chiu Chun Kindergarten, S.K.H. Ling Oi Primary School and SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

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 2000 refugees.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Julius Yam, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Eva Sorrel, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Sarah Wong, Claire Gotten, Irena Wu, Muriel Tsang, Gareth Butler, Jane Pang Tong, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Wong Dor Chun, Annabella Janssen, Sister Jean Mary, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Toung Ming, Arturo Lamshing, Sanson Lau, Chuan Xiaokang, Daisy Tai, Yvonne Fong and Hsu Hon Chung.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Gregory Charles Rivers and Andrew Willis

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

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.



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.

ONLINE DONATION



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LENT 2024

LENT COURSES

This year 2024, the Province of HKSKH encourages all parishes and missionary churches to study together in Lent with the book 'SAY IT TO GOD in search of prayer' which is written by Luigi Gioia. Come and join one of the courses at St John's, St Stephen's Chapel or Discovery Bay Church. Let us journey spiritually together in this Lent. (Course material is available at the Cathedral Bookstore.)

LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN'S

Tuesdays

27/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3
7.00pm (English) Conference Room

Thursdays

29/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3, 28/3
12.30pm (English) Upper Room

Fridays

23/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3
3.00pm (English) Harold Smyth Room

Saturdays

24/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3
3.00pm (Tagalog) Conference Room
4.00pm (Cantonese) Harold Smyth Room

Sundays

25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3
3.00pm (English and Tagalog)
Harold Smyth Room

LENT COURSE AT DB CHURCH

Thursdays

22/2, 29/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3
8.00pm (English) Discovery Bay Church

LENT COURSE AT ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL, STANLEY

Tuesdays

27/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3
8.30pm (English) St Stephen's Chapel

NOTICES

WELCOME TO AN OLD FRIEND

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the Revd Professor John Kater as our guest preacher at the 9.00am Sung Eucharist this morning. Fr John needs no introduction as he is an old friend of the Cathedral and the HKSKH. While he is in Hong Kong he will be teaching at Ming Hua Theological College in his capacity as their Associate Professor of Ministry Development.



PALM SUNDAY VESPERS WITH BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION TICKET ALLOCATION

To mark the 300th anniversary of Bach's St John Passion, the work will be featured at this year's Palm Sunday Vespers, which will be held on the 24th March 2024 at 7.30pm, Fr Amos Poon will be the officiant and preacher. The Passion will be sung by St John's Cathedral Choir, together with local choir Die Konzertisten, renowned soloists, and baroque orchestra. Please apply for tickets online if you wish to attend the Vespers.

The application will begin at 10.00am on Monday 4th 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.

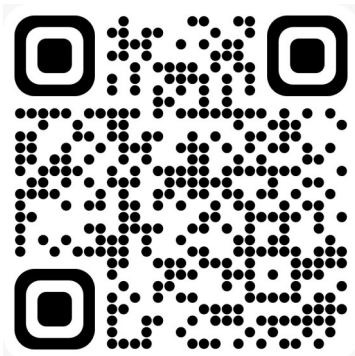
The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between the 5th and 18th March during office hours. Any uncollected tickets after Monday 18th March 2024 will be reallocated to other applicants.

Please note that:

1. Ticket holders will be admitted from 6.45pm through the North and South Transept Doors;
2. All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 7.15pm;
3. Any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen at 7.15pm.

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>



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.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE 2024 A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

A fabulous journey to explore the Classical Treasures and Apocalyptic Churches of Turkey's Aegean Region. Led by the Revd Will Newman & the Revd James Buxton, chaplain in Izmir

23rd September (Mon) – 1st October (Tue)
\$8800 + airfare (Single supplement \$3200)

Please email the Revd Will Newman at newman@stjohnscathedral.org.hk for further details.

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**Submission
deadline:
1/3/2024**

For Enquiry, please
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Cathedral Life
Enrichment Centre at
6083 9391

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**Logo Design Competition
of the 175th Anniversary
Celebration**



SIGN UP IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. Scan the QR Code for details & complete the google form
2. Create a logo for the Cathedral 175th anniversary celebration
3. Send your artwork to skhsjlec@gmail.com with 100 words explanations

**The Winner will receive
a cash token of
appreciation of \$1000**

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry –

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education – The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Filipino Ministry –

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality – The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Mission and Ministry – The Revd Amos Poon

Outreach – The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Youth Ministry – The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service

Mission for Migrant Workers

SJC Life Enrichment Centre

Cathedral Bookstore

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Prison Ministry



Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and on the website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4–8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information: _____

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