



# 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 EASTER 28TH APRIL 2024

### **8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox  
Reader: Will Clay

### **9.00am Sung Eucharist** ([https://youtube.com/live/A\\_SXQUJOJPo](https://youtube.com/live/A_SXQUJOJPo))

Celebrant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Very Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy  
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)  
Hymns: 149i, 153, 403, 165  
Anthem: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Charles Villiers Stanford)  
Voluntary: Variations: O filii et filiae (Naji Hakim)  
Readers: Dolores Dayao, Theodore Lau  
Intercessor: Denise Giles

### **10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)**

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon  
Preacher: Mr Isaac Sit

### **11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)**

Celebrant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox  
Reader: Koon-G Chiu  
Intercessor: Kevin She

### **1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

### **5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style**

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin  
Reader: William Cheng

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## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 29th April 2024</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) English group
<b>TUE 30th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
	7.30pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) Cantonese group
<b>WED 1st May</b> <i>Philip and James</i> <b>(Public Holiday)</b>	9.00am	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 2nd</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
	8.30pm	Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)
<b>FRI 3rd</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)
	8.00pm	'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
<b>SAT 4th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	Andrew Fellowship
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 5th May</b> <i>Acts 10.44-end</i> <i>Psalm 98</i> <i>1 John 5.1-6</i> <i>John 15.9-17</i>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Most Revd Donald Tamihere
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

*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

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### COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING Acts 8.26-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to

some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING 1 John 4.7-end

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but

perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

**John 15.1-8**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



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

**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 Mark's Church;** we give thanks for her pastoral care ministries in the Homantin District over the past 63 years; we pray for the Revd Lee Kwok Kuen, all the staff and church members. for the pastoral ministries in the schools, including St Mark's Church Bradbury Kindergarten and Lee Kau Yan Memorial School; for the evangelistic ministries, especially the Sunday school, the parents' group, youth fellowship, Praising Team, elderly care, and lay leadership training.

**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 pray for the on-going search for a new Cathedral Chaplain and for a new Priest-in-Charge of Discovery Bay Church.

We also remember in our prayers 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

**We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar**, for Bishop Saw Sheesho and the clergy and people. With almost no resources, the diocese is now providing food and shelter for over 3000 people driven from their homes and villages by deadly military strikes.

### 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 Will on 6254 7514 for the Zoom link.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for those who are sick:*

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Caroline Yu, Jimmy Millar, Ho Wong Ming Chun, Mak Lam and Ben Cheng.

*In Memoriam:*

Lo Oi Lin

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



## The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist

*Celebrant:*

*The Revd Will Newman*

*Preacher:*

*The Revd Amos Poon*

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**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

**T O D A Y**  
at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

All those Registered Members who can check their names on the listing posted on the Notice Board in the Porch are encouraged to attend.

Please note that the reports of

1. Annual Church Meeting
2. the Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

are available on the Cathedral website:  
[www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

You can also scan the QR Codes below:



ACM Report



Financial Statements

*Limited hard copies are available for distribution today.*

**EXPECTATIONS &  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
A COUNCIL MEMBER**

- Attend worship services regularly
- Passion for and commitment to the Cathedral's ongoing and developing ministries
- Leadership in Stewardship as evidenced by both active involvement in the ministries of the parish and making a Stewardship pledge
- Ability and willingness to communicate
- A sense of vision
- Sense of humour and patience
- Attend Council meetings as scheduled; send apologies to secretary if unable to attend
- Take responsibility for carrying out tasks and action items between council meetings
- Participate in special events and gatherings of the parish



**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.

### **GROUND INVESTIGATION AND CONDITION SURVEY**

Ground investigation & condition survey works will be commenced in May, at the cathedral precinct and Battery Lane Pedestrian Walkway. During the construction period, the work area will be properly segregated and secured to minimise any potential impact on the nearby community.

*Estimated Duration:*  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*Time:*  
9.00am – 5.00pm  
(Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays)

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRISON VISITS**

Each month on two Friday mornings Fr Will and a group of volunteers from the cathedral and St Stephen's visit Stanley Prison. We take a Eucharist Service and have time to talk with the prisoners and get to know them. Many volunteers have found this a most rewarding and inspiring ministry.

We need more volunteers, men and women – but especially men, because we are required to have at least 50% men in the group.

If you'd like to know more, and maybe try a visit, WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514 latest by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



### **The Standing Commission on Theological Education KWONG KONG KIT LECTURE 2024**

Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Time: 3.00-4.30pm  
Venue: Li Hall, St John's Cathedral

*Speaker:*  
*The Revd Professor John Kater*

*Topic:*  
*Vocation: What is it? Who gets it?  
What is it for?*

*Respondents:*  
*The Revd Canon Kam-fai Ip &  
The Revd Canon Chun-wai Lam*

(Meeting will be held in Cantonese;  
main lecture will be delivered in English)

### **F R E E   A D M I S S I O N**

For registration, please feel free to scan the QR Code below.



# 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

CLARES/Castaways

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](http://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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