



# St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island  
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist



**Celebrant:**  
**The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre**  
*Cathedral Chaplain*

**Preacher:**  
**The Revd Dr John Kater**  
*Associate Professor of the Development of Ministry*  
*Ming Hua Theological College*

*If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive at our altar.*

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## **Gathering**

*The celebrant welcomes the people.*

*All STAND to sing the INTROIT HYMN, during which the clergy process in.*

### **Introit Hymn (REH 176)**

- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now:  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty victor's brow.**
  
- 2. The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal light;**
  
- 3. The joy of all who dwell above,  
The joy of all below,  
To whom he manifests his love,  
And grants his name to know.**
  
- 4. To them the cross, with all its shame.  
With all its grace is given:  
Their name an everlasting name,  
Their joy the joy of heav'n.**
  
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The mystery of his love.**
  
- 6. The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.**

*Tune: ST MAGNUS Jeremiah Clarke c.1673-1707*

*Words: T. Kelly 1769-1855*

*The celebrant then greets the people*

In the name of the ☩ Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*All REMAIN STANDING and say*

## **Collect for Purity**

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Confession**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*All SIT or KNEEL.*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

### **Kyrie eleison**

*All* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*All* Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

*All* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

*All* **STAND.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good will.

*Choir* We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

*All* **(Response)**

*Choir* Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

*All* **(Response)**

*Choir* For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

*All* **(Response)**

*All* REMAIN STANDING.

Let us pray:

*Silence is kept.*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

All SIT.

### **First Reading**

*Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end (NRSV)*

A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the LORD Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'LORD, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned

aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps. 1 (Common Worship)*

*All* **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

*Choir* Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

*All* **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

*Choir* Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

*All* **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

*Choir* Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

*All* **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 5. 9-13 (NRSV)*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



All STAND.

*During the Gradual Hymn, the Gospel book is carried to the nave. All turn to face the Gospel.*

## Gradual Hymn (REH 173)

1. **O King most high of earth and sky  
On prostrate death thou treadest,  
And with thy blood dost mark the road  
Whereby to heaven thou leadest.**
  
2. **O Christ, behold thine orphaned fold,  
Which thou hast borne with anguish,  
Steeped in the tide from thy rent side;  
O leave us not to languish!**
  
3. **The glorious gain of all thy pain  
Henceforth dost thou inherit;  
Now comes the hour, then gently shower  
On us thy promised Spirit!**

*Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR Later version of a melody in  
Neu-Leipziger Gesangbuch 1682*

*Text: Latin Breviary Hymn (Supreme Rector coelitum) 17th cent. tr. William Blew 1808-94*

## Gospel Reading

*John 17. 6-19 (NRSV)*

*The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.*

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir *Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.*

*Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All SIT.*

**Sermon**

*Following the sermon, all STAND.*

## **Creed**

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The celebrant introduces the prayers by saying*

Holy God, as we gather in fellowship and worship to hear your word, to sing your praise, and to break bread in the presence of the Risen Christ, hear our prayers and walk with us along the road of life.

*All KNEEL or SIT. The intercessor continues:*

Lord of the Church, we pray for our bishops and priests who preach the Gospel, bringing a light to those in darkness, and words of love to those in need of comfort. We pray for all preparing for baptism and confirmation, that they may be faithful to Christ in following him along the road of faith.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Creation, your son walked the roads of the Holy Land and taught us to seek your hand in the beauty and wonders of earth and sea and sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings, and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognize your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Life, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, who walks with us on the journey of our lives. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends, and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another, and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Healing, you send your son to walk with those we know who are going through a time of suffering and pain. We pray for all those within our Cathedral parish who have asked for our prayers; help us to be always aware of one another's needs, and to respond accordingly, and assist them with words and deeds onto the road of recovery.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Eternity, accompany those travelling, through the valley of death, and may our love and prayers support those who walk that journey today. We also call to mind those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries of death fall around this time. [*We remember especially...*] May they ☩ rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence let us offer our hopes and prayers to the Father's love.

*The celebrant concludes the prayers with the following Collect:*

Faithful God, as we go out into your world from our worship today, we thank you for walking alongside us wherever we travel, and, if like those first disciples, we fail to be aware of you, forgive us for our human weakness and open our eyes to see you as a constant companion and friend.

Merciful Father

*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

# **Liturgy of the Sacrament**

## **Peace**

*All STAND and the celebrant introduces the Peace:*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant may say*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **The Offertory Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*All REMAIN STANDING as the collection is taken. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

### **Offertory Hymn (REH 368)**

- I. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

2. **Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**
  
3. **Alleluya, bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**
  
4. **Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.**

*Tune: HYFRYDOL Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard 1811-87  
Words: W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98*

*The celebrant says the prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*All REMAIN STANDING.*

## Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,  
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,  
he sent forth upon the universal Church  
your holy and life-giving Spirit;  
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel  
might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:



Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea - ven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*All* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St John the Evangelist, St Stephen, and all the saints  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All SIT or KNEEL*

## Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

*Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)*



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The celebrant says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The celebrant and people receive communion If you are baptized in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.*

*Words of the distribution are said and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*Those who are not baptized are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. Please keep your arms crossed upon your breast as an indication.*

*During the distribution, the Children's Choir sings*

### Communion Anthem

*Like the murmur of the dove's song (Alan Smith)*

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,  
To the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Words: Carl P Daw b. 1944*

## Prayer after Communion

*The celebrant says*

Let us pray:

*Silence is kept. All KNEEL or SIT.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving is then said.*

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*All SIT.*

**Notices**

## Dismissal

## Blessing

All STAND as the celebrant gives the blessing:

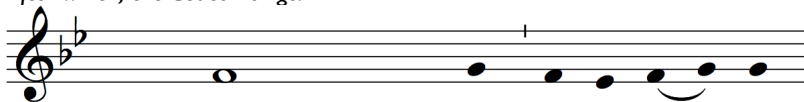
The Lord be with you  
All **and also with you.**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

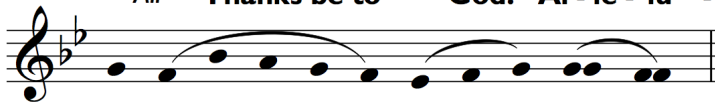
All **Amen.**

## Dismissal

After which, the deacon sings:



Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - - - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_  
Al - le - - - lu - ia.

The ministers and people depart.

All REMAIN STANDING to sing the Recessional Hymn.

## Recessional Hymn (REH 439, omit \*)

**1. At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.**

**2. At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.**

**3. Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:**

**4. Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Thro' all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.**

**5. In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.**

*Tune: EVELYNS William Henry Monk 1823-89  
Words: Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77*

**Organ Voluntary**  
*Praeludium in G minor (Franz Tunder)*

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