



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  
(PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)  
6TH APRIL 2025

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin  
Reader: Ben Lee

**9.00am Sung Eucharist** (<https://youtube.com/live/FFbeeBDCyvE>)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon  
Preacher: The Revd Prof John Kater  
Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin  
Communion Setting: Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)  
Hymns: 243 (omit \*), 482, 124, 510  
Anthem: Verily, verily I sing unto you (Thomas Tallis)  
Readers: Kevin She, Marina Lau  
Intercessor: Frank Lang

**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 Sharon Langbis  
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin  
Reader: Koon-G Chiu  
Intercessor: Letty Awingan

**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  
Reader: William Cheng

*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.***

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 7th April</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 8th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
<b>WED 9th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Piano Recital—Emas Au and Friends</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 10th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	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>
<b>FRI 11th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> <b>12.15pm on Fridays in Lent</b>	
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
<b>SAT 12th</b>	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)
<b>SUN 13th April</b> <i>Palm: Luke 19.28-40</i> <i>Isaiah 50.4-9a</i> <i>Psalms 31.9-16 (or 31.9-18)</i> <i>Philippians 2.5-11</i> <i>Luke 23.1-49</i>		
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	9.30am	Palm Procession and Solemn Eucharist (bilingual) Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der Deacon: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist CW Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Service of Tenebrae Officiant: The Revd Drew Courtright



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## 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

**Isaiah 43.16-21**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 3.4b-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

**John 12.1-8**

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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.**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

#### **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** the various parish celebration activities held this year to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of **Crown of Thorns Church**; for her gospel outreach and pastoral care ministry; for the devotion of all church members to love God and their neighbours; for those who are weak and sick; may God heal and comfort them in times of suffering; for the parish's schools; may God bless the principals and the teachers, for the Pastoral Centre and the community services of the parish.

**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**, and for all those suffering after the earthquake. 27 churches in the diocese have suffered partial or severe damage, and in one parish 106 houses belonging to parishioners have been damaged or destroyed. You can help by making a donation in the large plastic boxes as you leave the cathedral today. All funds will go directly to the diocese for relief work. Please also help yourself to one of the 2025 calendars near the doors, with pictures designed and coloured by teachers and pupils at the diocesan kindergarten.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Teresa Wong Yau Sut, Esther Tse, Lai Sau Yuk, Ma Sau Yuen, Nicole Tanjoco, Irena Wu, Teresa Ray Li, Cheung Chik Wan, Jane Pang Tong, Fung Wan Nui, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Pope Francis, Joseph Chu, Eva Sorrel, Caitlin Berry, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sister Jean Mary, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Wanda Wan H, Alan Irvine, Sanson Lau, Annabella Janssen, Lucita Villareal, Sarah Wong, Arturo Lamshing, Daisy Tai, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Li Chunjuan and Wanda Clay.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Toung Ming, Teresa Wong Yau Sut and John Neville Hugh Murray.

*In Memoriam:*

Lo Wing Lung (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death), Tse Mui, Tang Wai Kiu, Jay Ouellet and Peter Siozos.

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

For almost 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We give thanks for the cease fire in Gaza, and pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



### 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.

### CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the worship and preaching at Emmanuel Church.

### SPRING CLEANING

We will do Spring Cleaning at the Cathedral interior on 7<sup>th</sup> April (Mon), starting at 9.30am until completion, it will take approximately 2.5 hours. All are welcome to join and help.

### 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.



*The Flower Guild* needs to order the lilies very soon; consequently, envelopes for the receipt of your donations are available in the pews today. Please hand your envelope to a sidesman, the vergier 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".

### LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Lent Course follows the daily gospel readings by the cathedral clergy. Read the book, or listen in by joining the cathedral WhatsApp.

#### **COURSES**

##### ***Tuesdays***

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> April

12.30-1.30pm (*English*) in the Upper Room

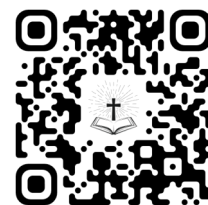
11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm (*English BRF*) in the Conference Room

##### ***Saturdays***

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> April

3.00pm (*Pilipino*) Fanny Li Hall/Conference Room



QR Code  
for  
2025 Lenten Reflections

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2025 AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL & OUR DAUGHTER CHURCHES



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### **NO PARKING**

in the Cathedral grounds  
on Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
from 8.00am to 11.00am

### **CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN FOR APPLICATION**

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website.

Deadline for application:  
**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at [felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) or the Cathedral Office for further details.

### **MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025** ***JOY IN EVERY BITE***

Experience a heartwarming family and friends gathering with a special dumpling-making class led by Natalie Law. Let's make dumplings from scratch and create joyful memories together!

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April (Saturday)

Time: 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: Li Hall

Donation:

\$300 for individual /  
\$1,000 for group of 4  
with a dumpling-making gift set

*All proceeds will go towards  
supporting various ministries of  
St John's Cathedral*

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp +852 5107 7170. First come first serve.

### **Poverty Alleviation EASTER PARTY WITH THE ELDERLY**

Join Us for a Joyful Easter Celebration ***with seniors from the Western District.***

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to celebrate Easter with our senior friends from the Western District. Enjoy a day with them through making Easter Chocolate Eggs and Origami Bunnies, singing festive songs, culminating in a delightful afternoon tea with our senior friends!

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Sat)

Time: 12.30pm - 4.00pm

Venue: SKH Western District Elderly Community Centre

If you're excited to join us, please enrol using the QR code.  
Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today!  
If you have any questions, please contact Caius Ng at [caiusng@hotmail.com](mailto:caiusng@hotmail.com).





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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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 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

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

~~ Nomination Forms for Trustees and Council members 2025-2026  
are available at the Cathedral office. ~~


## 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2025. Any inquiries may be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

  
Mr Martin Matsui  
The Honorary Secretary  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

