



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 22ND MARCH 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/tHNYBJcMALg>) (*Eucharistic Prayer E*) *Lent Prose (verse 5)*

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: The Book of Common Prayer Noted
(John Merbecke)
Hymns: 243 (omit *), 112, 124, 117 (omit *)
Anthem: O Lord, increase our faith (Henry Loosemore)
Readers: Gordon Jones, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor: Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi


1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
Reader: Letty Awingan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 23rd March	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer	
TUE 24th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>	
WED 25th The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital— Bel Canton Singers: A Tenor Vocal Recital with Choir</i> Sung Eucharist with St John's Cathedral Choir <i>Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu (https://youtube.com/live/o6WDlo5_Ugs)</i>	
THU 26th	8.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist <i>'Grace in a busy week' special Lent Course</i> One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>	
FRI 27th	8.00am 12.15pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist STATIONS OF THE CROSS <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>	
SAT 28th	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Filipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)	
SUN 29th March <i>Matt 21.1-11 Is 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 (or 9-18) Philippians 2.5-11 Matt 26.14-27 or 27.11-54</i>	Palm Sunday 8.00am 9.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Palm Procession and Solemn Eucharist (Combined bilingual service) Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der Deacon: The Dean <i>** Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses. Remember to take with you all your personal possessions. Any items left in church will be removed to the Cathedral office for safe-keeping. **</i> Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Liturgy of the Palms & Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre The Service of Tenebrae— <i>A candle-lit service of scripture readings, psalms and hymns to move us into the spirit of the Holy Week</i> Officiant: The Revd Drew Courtright	

*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorised 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

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

Ezekiel 37.1-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off

completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 11.1-45

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters

sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes,

Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

PRAYERS

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 The Anglican Church of Korea.

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 Crown of Thorns Church and her gospel outreach and pastoral care ministry; For the devotion of all church members; For the weak and sick; may God heal and comfort them; For the parish's schools; may God bless the principals and the teachers, protect and keep them in body and spirit, grant them wisdom during the times of challenges; For the Pastoral Centre and community services of the parish; may your servants be full of Christ's love and compassion, may the people be full of enthusiasm to serve the community and give glory to God.

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 '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, where thousands of church members are still suffering from last year's earthquake and floods, and the continuing civil war.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Birdy Yeung, Fung Wan Nui, Tommy Hui, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Eva Sorrel, Chung Sheung Yung, Peter Yue, Teresa Ray Li, Sabrina Ho, Fr John Chynchen, Ray Chan, Joseph Chu, Hsu Hon Chung, Daisy Tai, Jane Pang Tong, Raymond Yuen, William L Shia, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Cheung Chik Wan, Wu Yat Cho, Bonnie Lin, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Esther Bangcawayan, Li Chunjuan, Sanson Lau, Irena Wu, Alan Irvine, Wanda Clay, Yeewan Li, Tristan Sherliker, Sister Jean Mary, Leona Tjio, Sarah Wong, John Chakas, Jeffrey Lee, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Ruth Phillipson, Dr Kerry Houston, Emily Tso, Wanda Wan H, Andrew Ashley, Ralph Szweda, Pamela Bennett, Caitlin Berry, Yu Chi Ming, Louis Shih, Jan Williams, Chuan Xiaokang, Brigitta Wheele, Sabine Day and Chris Maden.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Liew Nooi Chai

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: +852 2523 4157.

Roger Cole RIP

Tuesday 24th March 2026
at the Cathedral
11.00am Funeral Requiem

Celebrant: Archbishop Andrew Chan
Preacher: Canon Stephen Miller

Please pray for Vanda and her family
at this sad time.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As wars and conflicts bring terror and suffering to so many of God's children in Iran and the Middle East, in Ukraine, and in Africa, you can join our online Peace Prayers, 8.30-8.50pm every Thursday evening. We pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves, so that we can spread peace around us. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on 9860 2920 for the link.

PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Father of human beings,
Lord of all nations,
we pray you to guide and help us,
that all nations may prosper
in their search for the common good.

Teach us to dispel envy,
hatred, selfishness, and pride,
and to establish justice,
love, goodwill and peace,
so that your will may be done
and your kingdom may advance.
In Christ we pray. Amen.

(Prayer for International Friendship, taken from the Anglican East Asia Book of Common Prayer)

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 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'.

CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

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.

SPRING CLEANING

We will do Spring Cleaning at the Cathedral interior on Monday 23rd March, starting at 9.30am until completion, it will take approximately 2.5 hours. All are welcome to join and help.

NO PARKING
in the Cathedral grounds
on Palm Sunday 29th March 2026
from 8.00am to 11.00am



LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN'S

Tuesdays BRF Group

7.00pm (English) Conference Room

Thursdays Grace in a busy week

12.30pm (English) Li Hall

Fridays Friday Fellowship Group

3.00pm (English) Harold Smyth Room

Saturdays

Saturday Filipino Congregation

2.00pm (Filipino) Conference Room

Andrew Fellowship

4.00pm (Cantonese) Harold Smyth Room

Sundays

3.30pm (English & Filipino)

Harold Smyth Room

NOTICE



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
聖約翰座堂

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 26th April 2026, 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 two lay trustees of St John's Cathedral for the English-speaking Anglican Church 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

13th March 2026

NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 176 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 26th April 2026, 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 16th March 2026 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 5th April 2026 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2026. Any inquiries may be directed to Ms Bette Lai, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.



Mr Martin Matsui
The Honorary Secretary
13th March 2026



~ ~ *Nomination Forms for Trustees and Council members 2026-2027*
are available at the Cathedral office. ~ ~

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan
(Acting Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church)

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Francis Yu

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 CMP
(Chaplain to the English-speaking congregations)

Youth Ministry - The Revd Francis Yu

The Revd Drew Courtright
(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

Executive Administrator:

Ms Bette Lai

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Jason Wong



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,
Tel: +852 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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