



# 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.'*

## PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026

### **8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Readers: Simmy Chan, Douglas Lam

### **9.30am Liturgy of the Palms & Sung Eucharist** (Combined bilingual service) (<https://youtube.com/live/yLr9i9wbAtU>)

*Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses.*

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der  
Deacon: The Dean  
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)  
Hymns: 647 (omit \*), 126, 121 (omit vv. 4,6), 108 (T.169ii)  
Anthem: 上帝愛世人 (Kai-young Chan) *world premiere*  
Readers: Thomas Swain, Elizabeth Law  
Passion Reading: Kevin She, Letty Awingan, Theodore Lau  
Intercessors: Margaret Sang, May Ho  
Brass Postlude: The Triumphal Entry (Lau Yik Long)

### **11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP  
Readers: Zenaida Carias, James Choo  
Intercessor: John Breen

### **1.30pm Liturgy of the Palms & Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)**

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

### **5.00pm The Service of Tenebrae**

Officiant: The Revd Drew Courtright  
Readers: Theodore Lau, Eunice Tuma-ac, Jeremy Hsu,  
Amos Chow, William Cheng, Kevin She,  
Margaret Sang, Saki Tsoi

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 30th March</b> <b>Monday in HW</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist
<b>TUE 31st March</b> <b>Tuesday in HW</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
<b>WED 1st April</b> <b>Wednesday in HW</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Musical Devotion—The Crucifixion (Bryan Kelly) ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/uwszAVyLqrs">https://youtube.com/live/uwszAVyLqrs</a> )
<b>THU 2nd April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	9.30am	Chrism Eucharist ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/4pNFR94rSyw">https://youtube.com/live/4pNFR94rSyw</a> )
	8.00pm	Sung Eucharist with the Washing of Feet and Watch until Midnight ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/COGdRdU-4Zs">https://youtube.com/live/COGdRdU-4Zs</a> )
<b>FRI 3rd April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>(PH)</b>	9.00am	Sung Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Liturgy of the Day (Mandarin)
	12.00noon	The Way of the Cross—A family service for Good Friday
	1.30pm	Liturgy of Good Friday ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/uOAXEoqcVtY">https://youtube.com/live/uOAXEoqcVtY</a> )
<b>*The Cathedral will close at 4.00pm*</b>		
<b>SAT 4th</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>(PH)</b>	9.00am	Sung Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of the Resurrection ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/Mi336-SqFU8">https://youtube.com/live/Mi336-SqFU8</a> )
<b>SUN 5th April</b> <i>Acts 10.34-43</i> <i>Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24</i> <i>Colossians 3.1-4</i> <i>John 20.1-18</i>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Promises Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der ( <a href="https://youtube.com/live/1E9mFLGH4tM">https://youtube.com/live/1E9mFLGH4tM</a> )
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Festal Evensong Officiant: The Dean Preacher: 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 50.4-9a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:  
The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled  
out the beard; I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame; he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 2.5-11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**



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**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2026  
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
& OUR DAUGHTER CHURCHES**

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

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

**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 Diocese of Hong Kong Island**, the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, the Bishops Emeritus, the Most Revd Dr Peter Kwong and the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, and for all clerics and the faithful; For the Diocesan Mission Plan 'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together' proposed in the 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod to be fully implemented in all churches with fruitful results, including 'Being Disciples: Devotion, Knowledge, Holy Living', 'Prayer Partner', 'Ministry Training and Leadership courses', 'Develop Nurture Blueprint', 'On-going Action 5-3-1' and 'Stewardship'. For the relationship and bonding among the churches, schools and social service units in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island.

**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 our Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

**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, Yu Chi Ming, Pamela Bennett, Caitlin Berry, 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.



**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'.

**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)*

**SOLEMN LITURGY FOR THE  
BLESSING OF OILS ON MAUNDY  
THURSDAY & THE RENEWAL OF  
COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY  
SERVICE BY THE CLERGY**

The Solemn Liturgy for the Blessing of Oils & the Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island will be held on Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at 9.30am at St John's Cathedral. The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Diocesan Bishop, will bless the three particular oils – of catechumens, of the sick, and of chrism in the Eucharist, and all diocesan clergy will make renewal of their commitments to priestly service. The Revd Professor John Kater will preach in the service. All faithful are welcomed to participate in this special service.

**NO PARKING**  
in the Cathedral grounds  
**TODAY**  
from 8.00am to 11.00am  
and from 1.00pm to 2.00pm

**CLERGY**

This morning, the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre is celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

Fr Dwight and members of the IFI-HK Fellowship will participate in the Kalbaryo ng Bayan, Kalbaryo ng Migranteng Filipino/People's Calvary, an Ecumenical Service revolving around the dramatic reading of St Matthew's Passion, at 5.00pm on Chater Road.

**REFRESHMENTS in the Li Hall  
after 9.30am 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  
Annual Church Meeting**

on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

*Please mark your calendar.*

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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.

# NOTICE

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聖約翰座堂

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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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# NOTICE

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## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
13<sup>th</sup> 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



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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,  
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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