



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.'*

12TH APRIL 2020
EASTER DAY

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Archbishop

Deacon: The Dean

Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)

Hymns: 110, Christ the Lord is ris'n today (T.259),
117, 120

Sunday Eucharist will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please visit the following links :

- 9.00am Sung Eucharist (English)
<https://youtu.be/5MuGFu1cfMY>
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)
<https://youtu.be/FHntIEfRfnc>
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)
https://youtu.be/i_p7yeqLc9s

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

During this troubling time of the COVID-19 pandemic, on this Easter Day we need to shout out the acclamation that Christ is risen with certainty and confidence. While many live in fear and anxiety at this trying time, we know that Christ has triumphed over all darkness and death. On the many occasions that Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, the first things he said were “Do not be afraid” and “Peace be with you”. Christ can truly calm our fear. His presence does bring true peace which the world cannot give. It is in him we can find genuine hope and the strength needed to persevere through such unprecedented crisis.

In consideration for the health and safety of all and in compliance with the government’s regulations, our Cathedral worship services remain suspended until further notice. I pray that through joining our webcast services, you know that the risen Christ is with you every day blessing and empowering you with his love.

Starting from this week, on Monday and Wednesday of each week, one of the chaplains will share a short video called ‘Message of Hope’ on the Cathedral website. Their messages will help us to reflect on our current situation and to seek comfort and solace from our risen Christ.

As we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, do set aside some time to count the many blessings that God has given us and to rekindle our relationship with him. With his empowerment and love, he also calls us to be his faithful witnesses to all people. While many feel isolated due to the social distancing, do make a point to reach out to all those who are lonely, depressed and frustrated.

We are all greatly concerned about the rapid spread of the virus and saddened by the number of deaths around the world. My heart goes out to all those who have become afflicted and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Please join me by praying earnestly for them. May God’s special protection also be on all those who put their lives on the line to save and care for the sick. The Cathedral clergy are here to listen and to offer support. Should you wish to talk to any one of us, please do not hesitate to contact the Cathedral office.

May God bless us all! Happy Easter!

The Dean

A Prayer at the time of Coronavirus



Ever present God, be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing to us in our sickness,
and joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness;
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar;
and when the doors reopen
may we speak of your goodness to an emerging world.
In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

FIRST READING
Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

SECOND READING
Colossians 3.1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

GOSPEL READING
John 20.1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for our city of Hong Kong and for China; for our leaders and those in authority; for all medical staff and those involved in the emergency services; and for all who have been afflicted by the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of the Land of the Holy One.

We pray for the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, our archbishop and primate; and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon; for the youth ministries, especially for the pastoral care and support given to youths; for the gospel ministries in the Kai Tak Development Area, especially for the place of worship at Holy Cross Primary School.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; Discovery Bay Church, St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember '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 also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for the Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Angela Rolston, Hannah Serota and Family, Lene Bille Hoegh, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Sarah Phillipson, Edward Coles-Gale, John McKinven, Francesca Lorenzi, John Butcher, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Wong Lai King, Jake Pitts, CJ Verdejo, Daniel Lee, David Holme, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Margaret Pini, Luke Inkin, Philip Yeung, Chen Kuk Tye, Kong Siu Ming, Janice Currie, Ron Fast, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Catherine Chan, Justin Ching, Richard Jones, Raymond

Yuen, Gareth Williams, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Mike Chan, Anthony Chan, Phyllis Schmitz, Annie Kwan, Christina Chan, Esther Tsen, Denny Tsen, Elaine Cogan, Chong Yuk Lau, Eunice Chan, Kathryn McCallen, John David, Donna Gail Willis, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Susan Westlake, Kathryn Lewis, Geoff Walsh, Jeshu Yau, Leslie Henderson, Andrew Wong, Timothy Moreno, John McIntosh, Meena Tsui, and Monica Cornelius

Please pray for the recently departed:
Rodney Farrar

In Memoriam
Shai-Tat Liu
Ian Macpherson

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157**.



RADIO MINISTRY **RTHK4 FM97**

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Reflections' at **10.56pm** every night from Monday to Friday, 27th April to 1st May 2020.

DONATION OF MASKS

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many, we have received more than 10000 masks since the appeal started. They have been delivered to the elderly, the vulnerable and the poor in the community through the Western District Elderly Care (HKSKH Welfare Council). The Cathedral continues to receive masks donation at the cathedral door and at the office.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST JOHN'S ON MOBILE

In view of the need for more effective communication with our congregation, the Cathedral is launching a communication channel '**St John's Updates**' for disseminating notices in a timely manner.

This channel will keep you updated about our Cathedral activities. If you wish to receive such messages by mobile phone, please follow the steps below:

— add the Cathedral mobile number **9506 2311** to the contact list of your mobile phone

— send a message of '**subscribe to St John's Updates**' to the number via WhatsApp or SMS

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp or SMS. For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please check out our website (<https://t.ly/Eygy3>).

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Due to health concerns, the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be postponed to Sunday, 17th May at 1.00pm.

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS **from 10.30am to 4.00pm daily**

Customers please send us messenger messages for enquiries and orders during our non-operating hours.



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral will be held at Li Hall on Sunday the 17th May 2020, at 1:00p.m. for the purposes following :-

- (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) Transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.

To be part of the Electoral Roll is a way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry. All qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration," which is attached /available from the office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; and (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.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming ACM, you should complete and submit an Electoral Roll Declaration form. You do not need to fill out a new form if your name already appears on the current electoral roll, to confirm that, please call the Cathedral office at 25234157. Completed forms must reach the cathedral office, by 29th April 2020 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2020. Any inquiries may be directed to Viola Ip, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

In preparation for the election of the trustees and council members, all those registered on the Electoral Roll are eligible to nominate and receive nomination. Please find the Nomination Form attached /available from the office. Each nomination requires the consent of the candidate, the nominee and a seconder. Please submit the completed form to the cathedral office by 29th April, 2020. Trustees and council members are important leadership positions in the cathedral. You are welcome to nominate individuals who are mature in the faith and committed in serving God and his people to these positions.

We thank you for your continuous contribution to the life of the church and look forward to your presence and participation at the Annual Church Meeting. God bless you all.

Dated this 29th March 2020

The Very Revd Matthias Der
Dean

Michael Spencer
Hon. Secretary



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HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited

ACT OF LOVE – COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Act of Love launched an appeal in March for the donation of cash or supermarket coupons, aiming to help those low-income families facing financial difficulties under the pandemic. Many church members have responded to the appeal by donating cash and coupons to support the families in need.

For the application, the required income and asset condition are with reference to the eligible criteria of the Food Bank and Rainbow Fund. Our fund provides emergency relief to those applicants awaiting approval or attempting a reapplication of the above two funds. Eligible applicants/families would receive HK\$500 supermarket coupons that are designated for the purchase of food items. Our fund also supports eligible applicants who have other needs, such as purchase of tablet or internet data cards for children's e-learning during school closure, medical treatment, etc. The maximum allocation would be HK\$2500 per application.

Until now, Act of Love has received more than 500 applications and a lot of enquiries from those in desperate need of urgent financial support. The Welfare Council looks forward to receiving continuous support from the church members, sharing God's love by responding to the appeal from Act of Love.

For more information, please contact the Act of Love Hotline at 8209-8122.

(Cheques payable to the 'Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited'. Please mail your crossed cheque or original payment slip to Act of Love, 12/F, 112 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Bank transfer to Hang Seng Bank : 024-255-757999-883 or The Bank of East Asia: 015-514-10-407766-1.)