



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.'*

22ND MARCH 2020
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Sung Eucharist (RTHK Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher:	The Revd Robert Martin
Deacon:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	391, 323, 185, 336
Anthem:	As truly as God is our Father (William Mathias)
Reader:	Faye Yee
Intercessor:	Thomas Li

Sunday Eucharist will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please visit the following link before 9.00am this Sunday:

English Service: <https://youtu.be/8HoCcSoozCo>

The Mandarin and Tagalog services will be made available at 10.30am.

Mandarin Service: <https://youtu.be/TPp3a7IQN6k>

Tagalog Service: <https://youtu.be/-EEyMmvtEuc>

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<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>

St John's Cathedral services suspended until further notice

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and out of love and care for all people, all worship services (including weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) at St John's Cathedral are suspended until further notice. This extraordinary measure, issued by the House of Bishops, is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all. Please consult the Cathedral website for the latest news regarding when the services will be resumed.

Sunday Sung Eucharist in English will be broadcast at 9.00am, Mandarin and Tagalog Said Eucharist will be broadcast at 10.30am through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please refer to the cover page for details and join us at these webcast services.

On Sundays, the Cathedral will be open from 10.30am to 3.00pm for private prayers. Clergy will be present to provide pastoral support. A short prayer will also be said on the hour between 11.00am and 3.00pm. The Cathedral will be open at the normal hours during weekdays. The prayer at 1.00pm will continue during weekdays even though no public services will be held. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

As we have entered the holy season of Lent in this very unsettling time, it is important that we humble ourselves before Jesus Christ and allow his love, peace and hope to encourage us. Lent is a time of simplicity and penitence. With heightened spiritual discipline we prepare to walk in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we experience a sense of renewal through the love of Christ in a special way.

Please continue to pray that the virus outbreak will be contained around the world and that those who have been afflicted will be healed soon. We offer our trust to God and extend our care and love for each other in our community. The Cathedral clergy are here to listen and 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!

The Dean



A prayer in time of virus outbreak

God of hope and healing, at this time of a virus outbreak
give courage and healing to the sick,
patience to the suffering and comfort to the anxious.
Grant those in authority and the medical personnel
wisdom and sensitivity to manage the situation.

Pour your love upon us so we may be an encouragement
and help for each other at this time of need.
Abide with us in our going out and coming in.
Protect us all and give us the assurance of your faith, hope and love.

We offer our prayer to Jesus Christ
in whose name wholeness, salvation and peace come.
Amen.

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 19.25b-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

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

We pray for St Mary's Church, for the ministries of the Revd Tsui Yuk Fan, the Revd Samuel Tang, the Revd Lo Yuen Sum and the Revd Kenneth Lo; for the ministry to the elderly, the growth of fellowships and cell groups leading more people to hear the gospel; for the ministries at SKH St Mary's Church Mok Hing Yiu College, Sheng Kung Hui Kindergarten and St James' Settlement Causeway Bay Kindergarten.

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

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

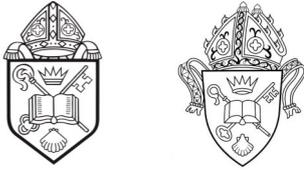
Please pray for those who are sick:

Jake Pitts, Wong Lai King, CJ Verdejo, Francesca Lorenzi, Lene Bille Hoegh, David Holme, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Luke Inkin, Philip Yeung, Shirley Nie, Nie Shi Fa, Ron Fast, Daniel Lee, Chen Kuk Tye, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Janice Currie, Margaret Pini, John David, Kong Siu Ming, Richard Jones, Justin Ching, Gareth Williams, Mike Chan, Anthony Chan, Annie Kwan, Christina Chan, Esther Tsen, Denny Tsen, Elaine Cogan, Chong Yuk Lau, Eunice Chan, Jeshu Yau, Raymond Yuen, Kathryn McCallen, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Catherine Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, John McIntosh, Andrew Wong, Phyllis Schmitz, Geoff Walsh, Susan Westlake, Meena Tsui, Timothy Moreno, Monica Cornelius, Kathryn Lewis, Donna Gail Willis and Leslie Henderson.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Samuel Wu, Priest

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.**

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI CONSECRATION OF BISHOP



Due to the concerns of the spread of COVID-19, the consecration of Dean Matthias as Bishop which was scheduled to be held on 23rd May has now been postponed to **3rd October 2020**. Please make note of this postponement and reserve the date on your calendar. Meanwhile, please pray for Dean Matthias and his family as he prepares for his episcopal ministry.

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. The registration and updating of the Electoral Roll will soon begin. Please pay attention to further notices.

RADIO MINISTRY ON RTHK4 FM97

The Revd Will Newman will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am on Tuesday mornings in March.

DONATION OF MASKS

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many, we have received more than 7000 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.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY?

While all our public services are suspended due to the virus outbreak, both the cathedral and the office remain open. The clergy have explored creative ways to provide pastoral care and teaching to people through various means. Our outreach ministries continue to serve the needy in our community. Many have asked how they could support the ministry of the cathedral at this difficult time. Please continue to pray for one another and for our church. You may also like to support the church's ministry through On-Line Donation which is easy and fast. Please use the link below or the QR code for it.



[https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/
Donation/default.aspx?lang=1](https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1)

We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

SJC BOOKSTORE Opening Hours

With effect from Saturday 14th March 2020, the Bookstore opening hours are as follows until further notice.

Monday - Saturday
10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday & Public Holiday
10.00am - 2.00pm



St John's Cathedral
Life Enrichment Centre
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

St John Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre sincerely invites you to participate

**LIFE IN COVID-19
PHOTO ALBUM
(from now to 25th March 2020)**

Have you felt disconnected, depressed or bored lately? These are challenging times when adults may have to work remotely from their home, and kids and teenagers have to attend classes and submit homework online. Whatever your age, with the extra amount of time you spend at home, you may probably feel strange without much social interaction or much entertainment.

The LEC is creating an online photo-journal platform to foster positive attitudes and bring some cheer to everyone. Through the sharing of your life moments and experiences during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Please submit your photo via the following link.

Google Form link:
<https://forms.gle/WBJMusTV2n8GNnFH6>

The collected photos will be exhibited on Outreach Sunday and other appropriate occasions at our Cathedral.

Please invite your colleagues and friends to join. Thank you.

Enquiries:
Tel: 2523 0531
Email: elijahfung@stjohnlec.com

**The Annunciation
of Our Lord
to the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Broadcast)**



7.30pm Sung Eucharist
25th March, 2020 (Wednesday)

Celebrant:
The Revd Robert Martin

Preacher:
The Revd Amos Poon

Please use the following link:
<https://youtu.be/aVlnbJ4-XcI>

**IN MEMORY OF
THE REVD SAMUEL WU**

It is with sadness we share the news that the Revd Samuel Wu, the founding chaplain for our Mandarin Service, passed away peacefully on 16th March at the age of 92. He served faithfully at St John's for 13 years since 1986. We give thanks to God for his faithful and fruitful ministry over many years in HKSKH and beyond. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please remember Fr Samuel's family at this difficult time

MFMW 39th ANNIVERSARY

The Mission for Migrant Workers celebrates its 39th anniversary on 3rd March of this year. It has assisted thousands of female and male foreign domestic workers and other migrant workers. We thank God for its life and ministry.

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.

Candidates should be:

- members of St John's Cathedral, a daughter church or another Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui parish, or their children; or choir members there with two years good attendance;
- at least 12, and under 30, on 1st September 2020;
- musically talented and have at least these ABRSM grades (or equivalent)
 - ABRSM grade 8 (or equivalent) in singing;
 - or grade 6 (or equivalent) in piano with conducting experience;
 - or grade 8 in piano or grade 6 in organ (or equivalent) with choral experience.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website.
Deadline for application: **Friday, 3rd April 2020**

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral office for further details.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Community Building — The Revd Franklin Lee

Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Outreach Ministry — The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Liturgy and Spirituality — The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Filipino Ministry —
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
The Revd Sharon Langbis

Chinese Ministry —
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip

Serving the wider community:

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



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, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 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/2.00pm/6.00pm 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:

I do not agree to receive any promotional materials from St John's Cathedral.

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