



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

9.00am Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

The Dean

Preacher:

The Most Revd Don Tamihere

Primate and Archbishop

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive at our altar.

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Gathering

The celebrant welcomes the people.

All STAND to sing the INTROIT HYMN, during which the choir and clergy process in.

Introit Hymn (REH 143, T.24)

- 1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from pharoah's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.**

- 2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.**

- 3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.**

**4. Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.**

*Tune: ST JOHN DAMASCENE Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926
Words: Greek, St John of Damascus c.675-749, tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66*

The celebrant then greets the people.

In the name of the ☩ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Greeting

All Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All REMAIN STANDING and say

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

The celebrant invites the people to confess their sins

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All SIT or KNEEL

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon ✕ and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All STAND.

Gloria in Excelsis

St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Let us pray:

Silence is kept.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

All SIT.

First Reading

Acts 10. 44-end (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Ps. 98 (Coverdale)

1. O sing unto the LORD a new song : for he hath done marvellous things. / 2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory. / 3. The LORD declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. / 4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. / 5. Shew yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks. / 6. Praise the LORD upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. / 7. With trumpets also, and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the LORD the King. / 8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein. / 9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD : for he is come to judge the earth. / 10. With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity. / Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

1 John 5. 1-6 (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All STAND.

During the Gradual Hymn, the Gospel book is carried to the nave. All turn to face the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn (REH 151)

1. **Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

2. **Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

3. **Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**

4. **Soar we now where Christ has led?
Following our exalted head;
Made like him, like him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**

5. **Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**

*Tune: SAVANNAH (HERRNHUT). Melody from Choralbuch Herrnhut c. 1740
as given in John Wesley's Foundery Collection 1742*

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88

Gospel Reading

John 15. 9-17 (NRSV)

The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Choir Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him
may have eternal life;
and I will raise them up on the last day.'*

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All SIT.

Sermon

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The celebrant introduces the prayers by saying

Everlasting God, you made the world and everything in it, we pray with a united voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you—and let us give thanks for all the wonders of your beautiful creation.

All SIT or KNEEL. The intercessor continues:

Lord of Love, we pray for Andrew our Archbishop and Matthias our Bishop, that you will guide them in their ministry by the Holy Spirit. We pray for the Church, both here in Hong Kong and, worldwide that together we may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Love, we pray for our families and colleagues, friends and lovers; for neighbours and strangers; for those with whom we share our lives; at work, in the community, and in our Church. We remember also those who serve us daily in the shops, restaurants and service industries here in Hong Kong, especially those whose livelihoods are at risk.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Love, we pray for those who are unjustly deprived of their freedom; for prisoners, captives and refugees; for victims of false accusations and violence; for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and all whose lives are disrupted by war; that in your mercy you will sustain them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Love, your son touched the sick and healed them. Reach out in love and heal all those who suffer at this time in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in all their troubles and bring them the knowledge of your saving love.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Love, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, and for members of our families who have died. Receive into your presence all those here in Hong Kong who have died recently and all whose anniversaries of death fall around this time. [*We remember especially...*] May they ☩ rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

In a few moments of silence let us offer our private prayers to the Father's love.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant concludes the prayers with the following Collect:

Gracious Father, as we go out into the world this week help us to work to make your redeeming love known upon earth and your saving power among all nations.

Merciful Father

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND.

Peace

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus,
and how Jesus had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The celebrant may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Offertory Taking of the Bread and Wine

All REMAIN STANDING as the collection is taken. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory Hymn (REH 389)

- 1. Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again;
Love, only love, is his way.
(Refrain)
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
Better than splendour and wealth.**
- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve;
Love, only love, is his mark. (Refrain)**

3. **Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.
(Refrain)
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
Better than splendour and wealth.**
4. **Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news. (Refrain)**
5. **Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. (Refrain)**
6. **Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. (Refrain)**
7. **Love is his law, love is his word:
Love of the Lord, Father and Word,
Love of the Spirit, God ever one;
Love, only love, is his word. (Refrain)**

Tune: CRESSWELL Anthony Milner 1925-2002

Words: Luke Connaughton 1917-79

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The celebrant says the prayer at the preparation of the altar.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever.

All REMAIN STANDING.

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St John the Evangelist, St Stephen and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All KNEEL or SIT.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The celebrant says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The celebrant and people receive communion. If you are baptized in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.

Words of the distribution are said and the communicant replies

Amen.

Those who are not baptized are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. Please keep your arms crossed upon your breast as an indication.

During the distribution, the Choir sings

Communion Anthem

Though I speak with the tongues of men (Edward Bairstow)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
And though I have the gift of prophecy,
and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge;
And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,
and have not charity, I am nothing.
And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,
and though I give my body to be burned,
and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not;
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
Beareth all things, believeth all things
hopeth all things, endureth all things.
Charity never faileth:
but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail:
For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:
Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
And now abideth faith, hope and charity,
but the greatest of these is charity.

Words: from I Cor. xiii

Communion Antiphon

Ego vos elegi

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says

Let us pray:

Silence is kept. All SIT or KNEEL.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving is then said.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

All SIT.

Notices

Dismissal

Blessing

All STAND as the celebrant gives the blessing:

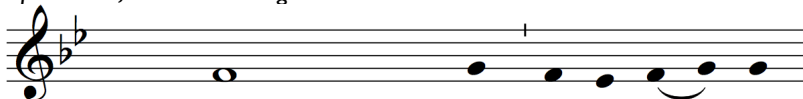
The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

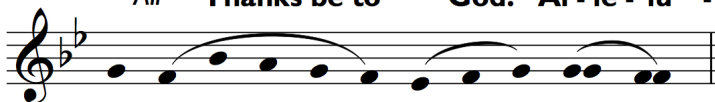
All **Amen.**

Dismissal

After which, the deacon sings:



Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia,
All Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - - - lu - - ia. _____
Al - le - - - lu - - ia. _____

All REMAIN STANDING to sing the Recessional Hymn.

The ministers and people depart.

Recessional Hymn (REH 522i)

1. **Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

2. **Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

3. **Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Tune: BLAENWERN William Rowlands 1860-1937
Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88

Organ Voluntary

Passacaglia in G minor from Apparatus Musico-Organisticus (Georg Muffat)

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