



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

St Luke the Evangelist

Sunday, 18th October 2026

8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist



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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

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

Introit Hymn (REH 287ii)

- 1. Let the round world with songs rejoice,
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.**
- 2. Ye servants who once bore the light
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.**
- 3. O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.**
- 4. For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred:
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.**
- 5. That when as judge thy Son shall come,
To bring his ransomed people home,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in thine endless rest.**
- 6. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM (Grenoble) Grenoble Church Melody

Harmony by Michael Fleming 1928-2006

Words: Latin, 10th cent; tr Richard Mant 1776-1848

The celebrant censes the altar.

The celebrant then greets the people

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

All **Amen.**

Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The celebrant may now introduce the service.

All REMAINS STANDING and says

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

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

All SIT or KNEEL. Silence is kept.

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 elesion

8.00am: Said; 9.00am: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)

(Choir) Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

(Choir) Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

(Choir) 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

8.00am: Said; 9.00am: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)

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.**

Collect

Let us pray: *(Silence is kept.)*

**Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power 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.**

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

All SIT.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

First Reading

Acts 16. 6-12a (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings:

Psalm

Psalm 147. 1-7 (Coverdale)

1. O praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The LORD doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4. He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
6. The LORD setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7. O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
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.

Epistle Reading

2 Tim. 4. 5-17 (NRSV)

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Timothy.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND to face the Gospel.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

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

Gradual Hymn (REH 289, T.404i)

- 1. Come sing, ye choirs exultant,
Those messengers of God,
Through whom the living gospels,
Came sounding all abroad!
Whose voice proclaimed salvation
That poured upon the night,
And drove away the shadows,
And filled the world with light.**
- 2. In one harmonious witness
The chosen four combine,
While each his own commission
Fulfil in every line;
As, in the prophet's vision,
From out the amber flame
In mystic form and image
Four living creatures came.**
- 3. Lo, these the wingèd chariots
That bring Emmanuel nigh;
The golden staves uplifting
The ark of God on high;
And these the fourfold river
Of paradise above,
Whence flow for all the nations
New mysteries of love.**
- 4. Foursquare on this foundation
The Church of Christ remains,
A house to stand unshaken
By floods or winds or rains.
O glorious happy treasure
In this safe home to be,
By God, true man, united
With God eternally!**

Tune: MEIRIONYDD later from of a melody by William Lloyd 1785-1852

Words: Latin, late 12th cent, after Adam of St Victor d.1146

Tr. Jackson Mason 1833-88

Gospel Reading

Luke 10. 1-9 (NRSV)

The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.

(All) Alleluia, alleluia.

(Choir) I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

(All) **Alleluia.**

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

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."'

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

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us make our prayers to the Father
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All SIT or KNEEL. The Intercessor continues

Father, your Son called men and women
to leave the past behind them
and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross.
Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today,
marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church ...
Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid
and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace.
Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out,
and give it that peace for which it longs ...
Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company
who were no longer servants but friends,
and he called all those who obeyed him
his brother and sister and mother.
Look with mercy upon our families and our friends
and upon the communities in which we share ...
Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick.
Look with mercy on all those
who yearn to hear the good news of salvation,
and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...
Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him
that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel
and would share the banquet of the kingdom.

According to your promise,

look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ
in this life and now have passed through death ...

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

At the end, the celebrant concludes the prayers with the following Collect:

Almighty God,

grant that your Church may faithfully hold and make known
the faith that has come to us through the apostles,

that with them and all your saints

we may inherit the glories of eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

All STAND and the celebrant introduces the Peace:

We are fellow-citizens with the saints

and of the household of God,

through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace

to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

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.

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

*All REMAIN STANDING as the collection is taken. The celebrant censes the gifts and the altar.
The thurifer censes the celebrant, clergy and people.*

Offertory Hymn (REH 251)

- 1. Saviour, who didst healing give,
Still in power go before us;
Thou through death didst bid men live,
Unto fuller life restore us;
Strength from thee the fainting found,
Deaf ones heard, the blind went seeing;
At thy touch was banished sickness,
And the leper felt new being.**
- 2 Thou didst work thy deeds of old
Through the loving hands of others;
Still thy mercies manifold
Bless us through the care of others;
Angels still before thy face
Go, sweet health to sick ones bringing;
Still, hearts glow to tell his praises
With whose name the Church is ringing.**
- 3 Loved physician! for his word
Lo, the gospel page burns brighter,
Mission servant of the Lord,
Painter true, and perfect writer;
Saviour, of thy bounty send
Such as Luke of gospel story,
Friends to all in body's prison
Till the sufferering see thy glory.**

*Tune: JESUS IST DAS SCHONSTE LICHT Johannes Freylinghausen 1670-1739
Words: Hardwicke Drummond Rawnsley 1851-1920 altd*

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

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All REMAIN STANDING.

Eucharistic Prayer E

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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 Luke, 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.

(Choir) **Amen.**

All SIT or KNEEL.

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

8.00am: Said; 9.00am: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

The celebrant says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 communicants reply.

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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only
During the distribution, the Choir sings

Communion Anthem

Os Justi (Anton Bruckner)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua eius loquetur iudicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.

*The mouth of the just is exercised in wisdom,
and his tongue will be talking of judgement:
the law of his God is in his heart,
and his footsteps will not be distracted.*

Words: Ps. 37. 31-32

Communion Antiphon

Vos qui secuti estis me

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says

Let us pray:

Silence is kept. All SIT or KNEEL.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 for the notices.

Notices

Dismissal

All REMAIN STANDING.

Blessing

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with Luke and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
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 or the celebrant says

All Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All REMAIN STANDING as the ministers depart.

Recessional Hymn (REH 605)

- 1. We have a Gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth,
The Gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**
- 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**
- 3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.**
- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.**
- 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.**
- 6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This Gospel message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Tune: FULDA William Gardiner in Sacred Melodies 1812

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Organ Voluntary

*Chaconne in F major, from Suite 'Euterpe', Musicalischer Parnassus
(Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer)*

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