



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Province of HKS KH

Sunday, 25th 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.

Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and the website (www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk).

Gathering

The celebrant welcomes the people. All STAND.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

During the INTROIT HYMN the ministers process in.

Introit Hymn (REH 595)

1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**
2. **O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most Gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**
3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**
4. **O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN Melody adapted by David Corner c1585-1648
Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631; from original in Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623
further adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

Words: John Athelstan Riley 1858-1945

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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

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'
As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

All KNEEL or SIT.

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

8.00am: Said; 9.00am: Communion Service (Victor Chan)

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

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

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

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

Adagio ♩ = 66

Victor Chan

p Lord, have mer - cy,

poco cresc. mp Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer -

poco. cresc. mf - cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have

dim. mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy.

p Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer -

poco cresc. mp dim. p - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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: Communion Service (Victor Chan)

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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

Worshipfully ♩ = 80

Victor Chan

ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to his peo - ple on earth. Lord, God, heav'n - ly King, al -
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

mp

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

— Lord — God, Lamb of God, you take —

p

— a-way the sin of the world: — have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at — the right hand — of — the Fa - ther:

mf

re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are — the Ho-ly One, you a -

f

lone are the Lord, — you a - lone are — the Most High, Je -

- sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in — the glo-ry of —

God — the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your providence has planted your Church
among peoples of every language and nation;
receive our thanks and praise
for the Anniversary of the Foundation and the Inauguration
of the Province of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui;
as we remember your manifold blessings over these years
we ask for your guidance as we journey into the future.
Empower us with your Holy Spirit
that we may boldly proclaim your love to all
and build up your kingdom in Hong Kong, Macau, and beyond;
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

Old Testament Reading

Isa. 30. 18-21 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 101 (Coverdale)

1. My song shall be of mercy and judgement : unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. /
2. O let me have understanding : in the way of godliness. / 3. When wilt thou come
unto me : I will walk in my house with a perfect heart. / 4. I will take no wicked
thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness : there shall no such cleave unto me.
/ 5. A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person. / 6.
Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour : him will I destroy. / 7. Whoso hath also
a proud look and high stomach : I will not suffer him. / 8. Mine eyes look upon
such as are faithful in the land : that they may dwell with me. / 9. Whoso leadeth
a godly life : he shall be my servant. / 10. There shall no deceitful person dwell in
my house : he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. / 11. I shall soon destroy
all the ungodly that are in the land : that I may root out all wicked doers from the
city of the LORD. / 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 Cor. 4. 1-6 (NRSV)

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

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 456, omit *)

- 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**
- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Tune: REPTON C. Hubert H. Parry 1848-1918

From a song in his oratorio Judith

Words: John Whitter 1807-92

Gospel Reading

John 17. 20-24 (NRSV)

The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.

(All) Alleluia, alleluia.

(Choir) Lord, we love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides.

All **Alleluia.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.'

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All SIT.

Sermon

Following the sermon, all STAND.

Creed

**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

Heavenly Father, it is good that we are gathered here to worship you in love and fellowship, and so we make our prayer to you, trusting in your power to guide and strengthen us in the days ahead. Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go. Let us pray.

All KNEEL or SIT. The intercessor continues:

Lord, you founded your Church on the apostles as a rock that would stand firm. Help your Church here in Hong Kong and Macau to grow and be fruitful in its mission and outreach. Bless our church as we celebrate the Anniversary of the Foundation of Sheng Kung Hui in Hong Kong, and the Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, help us to constantly proclaim in word and example the great love you have for all people. Guide Andrew our Archbishop and Primate; Timothy, Bishop of Eastern Kowloon; Matthias, Bishop of Hong Kong Island; and all our leaders, both clerical and lay. Empower us in all that we do, to follow the example of your Son who came among us as one who serves.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you called your Church to witness to your love in the world around us. We pray for all who lead us in national and local life, for the President of the People's Republic of China, for our Chief Executives and Legislative Councils; and for the upholding of the law, justice, and peace in Hong Kong, and Macau, and our country; for the gift of wisdom and discernment for all who are elected to lead us.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you called your Church to reach out to the suffering and the lost. We give you thanks for the work of the HKSKH Welfare Council and all who minister to those in need, and those who care for them. We bring before you those who care for refugees and those without shelter or work; for the sick, the lonely and the

despairing, the aged and the distressed; for all who suffer through violence, exploitation, or neglect, that through our ministry you will touch them with your love.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you called your Church to preach and teach the good news to all people. We pray for those who work with and for our children and young people in education and recreation. We give thanks for our Church schools and ask for a vision of Christian community which inspires our labours, and for the use of our gifts in the service of all God's people.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you called your Church to worship you in spirit and in truth. We give you thanks for the places of worship here in Hong Kong and Macau. Bless our parishes and institutions, and all those who minister to the spiritual needs of our people. May there be a growth in mutual understanding between diverse traditions and cultures, and we pray for the unity of all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, your Church has been built of living stones for many generations. We give thanks for our benefactors, and all who have contributed over the years to the growth of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. We pray for those who are now at rest, that the glories of the eternal city may be their lasting joy.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The celebrant concludes the prayers by saying

Heavenly Father, receive our prayers and make us ever grateful for the gift of the Church. May we be living stones, built into unity with Christ and with one another. Help us to go out from this time of worship to proclaim your love in our churches, in our homes, and in our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND and the celebrant introduces the Peace:

Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

The celebrant censes the gifts and the altar.

The thurifer censes the celebrant, clergy and people.

Offertory Hymn (REH 603, omit *)

- I. **The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.
4. 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Tune: AURELIA Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-76
Words: Samuel Stone 1839-1900

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

Lord, as we will lift up our hearts and call upon your name;
receive these gifts of bread and wine
which we offer at your Son's command.
May they be for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We praise you, for you have gathered your pilgrim people
into the fellowship of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.
We praise you, for you have revealed your presence
in word and sacrament
and made us one in a fellowship of worship and service.

We praise you, for you have revealed your Church
as a temple built of living stones,
the body of Christ throughout the world,
and an image of the heavenly Jerusalem.

We praise you, for all the blessings of the past
and, in faith, we look forward to the blessings of the future.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we lift our voices with those of the Church in heaven,
as we join in one triumphal song of praise:

For 9.00am: please see below

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.**

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

Reverently ♩ = 48 or slower

Victor Chan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

Stately ♩ = 72

Victor Chan

All *mp*

mf *f*

Christ_____ has died:

Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a - gain.

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.

All **Amen.**

All KNEEL or SIT.

Lord's Prayer

All

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: Communion Service (Victor Chan)

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

Worshipfully ♩ = 88
mp

Victor Chan

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mer-cy 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 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.

For 9.00am Sung Eucharist only

During the distribution, the Choir sings

Communion Anthem

O quam amabilis es (Pierre Villette)

○ quam amabilis es, bone Jesu, o dulcis Jesu.
Quam delectabilis es, Jesu, o dulcis Jesu.
○ cordis iubilum, mentis solatium, o bone Jesu.
*(O how kind thou art, good Jesus, O sweet Jesus.
How delightful thou art, Jesus, O sweet Jesus.
Thou the heart's joy, the mind's consolation, O good Jesus.)*

○ quam admirabilis es, bone Jesu, bone Jesu,
quam admirabilis es, honorabilis es,
quam venerabilis es, bone Jesu, dulcis Jesu.
*(O how admirable thou art, good Jesus, good Jesus,
O how admirable, how honourable thou art,
How venerable thou art, good Jesus, sweet Jesus.)*

Semper laudabilis es, Jesu.
Bone Jesu, dulcis Jesu, pie Jesu,
o bone Jesu, pie Jesu!
*(Thou art ever to be praised, Jesus.
Good Jesus, sweet Jesus, holy Jesus,
O good Jesus, holy Jesus!)*

Words: Anonymous

Communion Antiphon

Ierusalem, quae aedificatur

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says

Let us pray:

All KNEEL or SIT. Silence is kept.

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your peace
and an image of the heavenly Jerusalem:
bless the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
and grant that we, being fed with the living bread of heaven
and united in the body of your Son,
may go forward together in mission and ministry
to proclaim that peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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. The celebrant introduces the blessing by saying

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord is your very present help;
may the love of the Father surround you;
may the grace of the Son keep you;
may the communion of the Holy Spirit inspire you;
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 celebrant says

All Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.
Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

Recessional Hymn

1. **Hear us Lord this day, as we
Offer here ourselves to Thee.
Not to us O Lord our King,
God to Thee all Glory be.
(Refrain)
How shall we this gift enshrine?
Sheng Kung Hui thy Church divine.**
2. **Keel sublime, the Church's bow,
Over waves of doubts defy.
Never failing anchor be-
Gotten from our Captain high! (Refrain)**
3. **Sending down His only Son,
He our Lord, a Man become.
Now and ever Death surpass'd,
God, ever holy, Three in One. (Refrain)**
4. **Known to all Men far and wide
Universal Church, who vow'd
Not to shun but to embrace
God's own lost, redeemèd crowd! (Refrain)**
5. **Human we, all gather'd here,
Under one *ekklesia*.
In our hearts, one song, one voice:
Amen! Lord, Alleluia! (Refrain)**

Tune: EKKLESIA Peter Yue 1950-2026

Words: Jonathan Yip b.1991

Organ Voluntary

Prelude, from Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

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