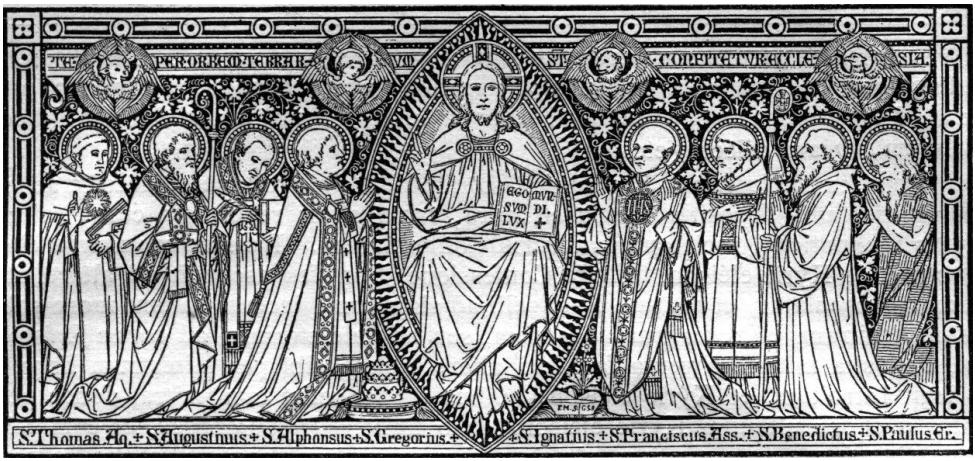
St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

All Saints' Day

Sunday, 1st November 2026
9.00am Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:
The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Bishop of Hong Kong Island

Preacher:
The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York & Primate of England

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 Dean welcomes the people.
During the hymn the clergy process in. All STAND to sing:

Introit Hymn (REH 255, vv.1-4)

1. For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness, drear their one true Light.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

4. O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Tune: SINE NOMINE Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
Words: William Walsham How 1823-97

The censes the altar.

The 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.**

The may now introduce the service.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

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

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

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
Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)

Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	*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

Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)

Choir *Glory be to God on high,*
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only art the Most High, Jesu Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion
with all the saints. *(Silence is kept.)*

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

Rev. 7. 9-end (NRSV)

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings

Psalm

Psalm 34. 1-10 (Coverdale)

1. I will alway give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

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 3. 1-3 (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

During the GRADUAL HYMN, the Gospel book is carried into the Nave.
All STAND and face the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn (REH 305)

1. Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.

3. I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast;
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.

Tune: SONG 67 Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625
from Edmund Prys's Llyfr y Psalmau *1621*
Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Gospel Reading

Matt. 5. 1-12 (NRSV)

The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,*
God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **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

Following the Creed, the celebrant introduces the prayers by saying

United in the company of all the faithful
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God,
the source of all life and holiness.

All KNEEL or SIT. The intercessor continues

Merciful Lord,
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Bless Andrew our Archbishop, Stephen the Archbishop of York,
Matthias our Bishop, and all ministers of your Church,
that by faithful proclamation of your word
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
into a holy temple in the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ
from glory to glory.
Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.
Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the
service of the poor and needy;
all who minister to the sick and dying;
and all who bring light to those in darkness.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin
or disfigured by pain,
that, raised from death to life in Christ,
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;
[we remember especially…]
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,
guide us to your kingdom
and grant us your peace at all times.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Hasten the day when many will come
from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The concludes the prayers by saying

We give you thanks
for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

All **Blessing and glory and wisdom,**
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

All STAND and the 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.**

The 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. The thurifer censes the , clergy and people.

Offertory Hymn (REH 313)

1. Who are these, like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! They sing,
Praising loud their heavenly King.

2. Who are these of dazzling brightness,
These in God's own truth arrayed,
Clad in robes of purest whiteness,
Robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand;
Whence comes all this glorious band?

3. These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on till life was ended,
Following not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in prayer full oft have striven
With the God they glorified:
Now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

5. These, like priests, have watched and waited,
Offering up to Christ their will.
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night to serve him still:
Now, in God's most holy place
Blest they stand before his face.

Tune: ALL SAINTS from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1698;
adapted by William Henry Monk 1823-89
Words: Heinrich Theobald Schenck 1656-1727; tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97

The says the prayer at the preparation of the altar.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)

Choir *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,*
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

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.

Choir *Amen.*

All KNEEL or SIT.

Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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 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

Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)

Choir *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.*

Giving of Communion

The says the invitation to communion.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to the supper
of the Lamb.**

The 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

O quam gloriosum (Tomás Luis de Victoria)

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo, cum Christo, gaudent omnes Sancti;
amicti stolis albis,
sequutur Agnum quocumque ierit.

(O how glorious the kingdom
wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ;
clothed in white robes
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.)

Words: Magnificat Antiphon at Second Vespers on the Feast of All Saints

Communion Antiphon

Beati mundo corde



Prayer after Communion

The says

Let us pray:

All KNEEL or SIT. Silence is kept.

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through 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.

Notices

Dismissal

All STAND.

Blessing

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
All **now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who made heaven and earth.**

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
All **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.
All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.
All **Amen.**

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 says

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

All REMAIN STANDING to sing:

Recessional Hymn (REH 255, vv. 5-8)

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Tune: SINE NOMINE Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
Words: William Walsham How 1823-97

Organ Voluntary

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

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