



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

24TH MAY 2020 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ASIA SUNDAY)

9.00am Sung Eucharist (RTHK Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting: St John's Mass (Ernest Hui)
Hymns: Star-lit heav'n to bounteous mountains,
134, 271, Christ triumphant, ever reigning

St John's Cathedral services will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please join us.

23rd May Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) https://youtu.be/tXgR_Ug3GpQ

24th May Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/zzicYp2Al4I>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/WonhXmkqJAM>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/AOCTwvakWRk>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/jWyZzJwUVQ8>

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COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the

mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 17.1-11

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for our city of Hong Kong and for China; for our leaders and those in authority; for all medical staff and those involved in the emergency services; and for all who have been afflicted by the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world and The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; for members of the Anglican Consultative Council; for the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon; for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

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

We pray for the Church of the Ascension; for The Revd Stephen Hung and all the church members; for stewardship, spirituality and outreach ministry; for cooperation with HKSKH Tung Chung Integrated Services and HKSKH Tung Chung Nursery School; for the community ministry in North Lantau New Town under further expansion.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for The Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter

churches; Discovery Bay Church, St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for The Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Faye Yee, Michael Banyard, Francesca Lorenzi, Bea Hutcheon, Edward Coles-Gale, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Donald Nip, Lene Bille Hoegh, Philip Yeung, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Juanita Shingledecker and family, Chong Yuk Lau, Janice Currie, Johnny Kroeker, John Butcher, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Donna Gail Willis, Sarah Phillipson, Angela Rolston, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, John McKinven, Ron Fast, Kathryn McCallen, Daniel Lee, Irene Sun, Wong Lai King, Jake Pitts, Margaret Pini, CJ Verdejo, Chen Kuk Tye, Catherine Chan, Luke Inkin, Kong Siu Ming, John David, Timothy Moreno, David Holme, Richard Jones, Susan Westlake, John McIntosh, Mike Chan, Eunice Chan, Leslie Henderson, Kathryn Lewis, Anthony Chan, Annie Kwan, Christina Chan, Elaine Cogan, Raymond Yuen, Phyllis Schmitz, Geoff Walsh, Jeshu Yau, Andrew Wong, Meena Tsui and Monica Cornelius.

In Memoriam

Kwan Sai Chung
Phyllis Kwan Chow Po Wan

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC



God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

Church of England (COVID 19 Liturgy & Prayer Resources)

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY- Online Donation and Bank Transfer

While we observe social distancing, the cathedral ministry and its operation continue to run. We encourage you to support our important work so that we may witness Christ's love and his message of hope at this critical time.

For **ONLINE DONATION**, please use the link below or the QR code for it. You may also consult our Cathedral Website under 'Donation'.



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

For **BANK TRANSFER**, please transfer funds to

St John's Cathedral
HSBC Account Number 002-245348-001

and inform the cathedral office. A tax receipt will be issued for the donation received. We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS 2020/2021
- elected at the ACM on 17th May 2020**

Congratulations to those elected and please pray for their ministry.

Trustees

Mr Li Kwok Heem John
Mr Matsui, Martin Kaoru

Council Members

Mr Bispham, Thomas Pedder
Mr Breen, John Francis
Dr Chan, Woon Tong Joseph
Dr Cheung Ting-Kin
Mr Chiu, Koon G
Mr Choo, James
Ms Dayao, Dolores Ibes
Mrs Doe, Julianne P.
Mr Fung Sek Yung Patrick
Ms Harada, Alison Birch

Mrs Ho Ch'ien May Fung
Mr King, Adrian Hugh
Ms Kwok, Ling Wan Natalie
Mrs Li Yee Oi Hay June
Mr Lindsay, Craig Blaser
Mr Lye Khay Fong Ron
Mr Ng Kwan Mang Edward
Mr Rowe, Martin Philip JP
Ms Sang Pui Nor Margaret
Mr Spencer, Michael

We also take this opportunity to thank those 2019/2020 Council members who have completed their term and will not serve in such capacity in the coming year.

Mrs Chan, Rita
Mr Li, Ming Fai Leo



MESSAGE OF HOPE

Every Monday and Wednesday one of the chaplains will share a short video called 'Message of Hope' on the Cathedral website and YouTube. In the face of the current situation, we hope that these messages will help us think, pray and reflect about our faith in the Risen Christ.

We are all saddened at not being able to worship together. As a praying community, let us live out our Christian hope and reach out to all those who are lonely, depressed and discouraged.

**RADIO MINISTRY
RTHK4 FM97**

The Revd Franklin Lee is speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in May.

The Revd William Newman is speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Friday morning in May.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL & OUR DAUGHTER CHURCHES

Following the government's amendments to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation, the House of Bishops of HKSKH has announced the resumption of public worship services from 1st June. Daily Eucharist at the cathedral will start on Monday 1st June. The first Sunday worship will take place on Trinity Sunday, 7th June (Anticipated service on Saturday 6th June).

Please consult the Cathedral website for weekday and Sunday Eucharist.

The following measures will take place when attending services. Please follow the directions of the Sidesmen.

- If you meet one of the following conditions, please stay home to rest and participate worship online:
 - ◊ feeling unwell, especially if having fever or respiratory symptoms;
 - ◊ having travelled in the past fourteen days;
 - ◊ a member of your household having fever or respiratory symptoms; or
 - ◊ a member of your household being in quarantine at home.
- Your body temperature will be measured. Please clean your hands with hand sanitiser upon entry.
- Please enter the cathedral by the West Door, and exit via the side doors.
- Please wipe your seating area with disinfectant wipes before sitting and when leaving. The cathedral will be disinfected between services as well.
- Social distancing should be maintained. Except for those in the same household, parishioners should be seated at least one metre apart from one another.
- Please wear masks throughout the services.
- Holy Communion will be received in one kind only - the Body of Christ. Parishioners are to receive the Body of Christ only in the hand and standing. You should sanitise your hands using hand rub before receiving Holy Communion and observe appropriate physical distancing when waiting in line.
- Only 50% of the seating capacity will be available. Li Hall and Harold Smyth Room will be open as overflow areas.
- Peace is to be exchanged by nodding head or by a fist-and-palm salute.
- No Sunday School and fellowship gatherings will be held and no refreshment will be served at this time.
- Collection will be received at the doors to support the work of the church.

*Please consult the 'Revised Guidelines of Provincial Office' for more details.
http://echo.hkskh.org/news_article_details.aspx?lang=1&nid=14290*



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

Life Enrichment Centre produces Covid-19 Digital Cartoon Booklets for Young People

With the COVID-19 pandemic and the prolonged suspension of schools, LEC has designed a series of digital cartoon booklets, 'Sa Sa's Life during COVID-19' to share these challenging times with young people in Hong Kong.

Volume 1: "Suspensions"



Volume 2: "Sa Sa's life during COVID-19 pandemic"



Volume 3: "Be grateful for what you have"



Volume 4: "Appreciation"



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**STAY CONNECTED WITH
ST JOHN'S ON MOBILE**

In view of the need for more effective communication with our congregation, the Cathedral is launching a communication channel '**St John's Updates**' for disseminating notices in a timely manner.

This channel will keep you updated about our Cathedral activities. If you wish to receive such messages by mobile phone, please follow the steps below:

— add the Cathedral mobile number **9506 2311** to the contact list of your mobile phone

— send a message of '**subscribe to St John's Updates**' to the number via WhatsApp or SMS

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp or SMS.

For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please check out our website (<https://t.ly/Eygy3>).



**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
BOOKSTORE**

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday
9.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays
10.00am to 2.00pm

**CASTAWAYS
CHARITY SHOP
(CLARES)**

OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
12.30noon to 2.30pm

Saturdays
10.00am to 12.00noon

Sundays
10.00am to 11.45am

NOTICE



香港聖公會福利協會
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Welfare Council

ACT OF LOVE – COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Act of Love launched an appeal in March for the donation of cash or supermarket coupons, aiming to help those low-income families facing financial difficulties under the pandemic. Many church members have responded to the appeal by donating cash and coupons to support the families in need.

For the application, the required income and asset condition are with reference to the eligible criteria of the Food Bank and Rainbow Fund. Our fund provides emergency relief to those applicants awaiting approval or attempting a reapplication of the above two funds. Eligible applicants/families would receive HK\$500 supermarket coupons that are designated for the purchase of food items. Our fund also supports eligible applicants who have other needs, such as purchase of tablet or internet data cards for children's e-learning during school closure, medical treatment, etc. The maximum allocation would be HK\$2500 per application.

Until now, Act of Love has received more than 500 applications and a lot of enquiries from those in desperate need of urgent financial support. The Welfare Council looks forward to receiving continuous support from the church members, sharing God's love by responding to the appeal from Act of Love.

ACT OF LOVE – SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE GROUPS UNDER THE PANDEMIC

While the economy in Hong Kong has been adversely affected under the pandemic, many families are facing financial difficulties as a result of unemployment, under-employment and close-down of business. At the same time, additional expense are incurred by purchasing prevention supplies causing financial constraint to these families.

In view of this, Act of Love offers short-term emergency cash or food assistance to individuals and families in need, especially those who are not eligible or receiving other welfare assistance.



For more information, please contact the Act of Love Hotline at 8209-8122 or WhatsApp 5263 5850.

(Cheques payable to the 'Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited'. Please mail your crossed cheque or original payment slip to Act of Love, 12/F, 112 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Bank transfer to Hang Seng Bank : 024-255-757999-883 or The Bank of East Asia: 015-514-10-407766-1.)