

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.'

26TH APRIL 2020 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Dean

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Kater

Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)

Hymns: 124, 443, 121, 375

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

25th April Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) https://youtu.be/mc887R5VRcq

26th April Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) https://youtu.be/NxKfZGAnKos

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) https://youtu.be/XKqIwpArtMU

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <u>https://youtu.be/AJakVoOwu-Q</u>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <u>https://youtu.be/AsMZ8JNr8fk</u>

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COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2.14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24.13-35

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East and The Most Revd Michael Lewis, Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf

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 St Mark's Church; for The Revd Cora Ip, the parish's staff and all the church members; for the pastoral ministries in the schools, especially in St Mark's Church Bradbury Kindergarten and Lee Kau Yan Memorial School; for the parents group, the Elderly Home visits in Ho Man Tin and the lay leadership training.

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:

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

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.**

RADIO MINISTRY

• RTHK4 FM97.

The Sunday Service <u>today at</u>

11.05am is a studio broadcast by
The Revd Will Newman and mem
bers of St Stephen's Chapel Stanley.
Tune in for a very different service
with inspiring prayers and beautiful
music from Iona, Taizé, and the
Anglican tradition.

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in May and on 'Reflections' at 10.56pm every night from Monday to Friday, 27th April to 1st May.

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

• RTHK3 AM567

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Thought for the Week' at 8.25am on Sunday 3rd May.



A PRAYER DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC

Merciful God,

we pray for the many people who have contracted the Covid-19 virus here in Hong Kong and throughout the nations of the world. Bring comfort to those grieving loved ones have died and peace to those worried, fearful and uncertain as the virus spreads. We also pray for governments and authorities who are developing strategies to contain and deal with the virus and those frontline health workers, who may be risking their own lives to care for sick patients. Here in the Hong Kong we especially pray for the situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by taking heed of the recommended precautions and avoiding situations which may make things worse. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Diocese of Europe – adapted)

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



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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.

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).

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.



Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

John 20.19b



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral will be held at Li Hall on Sunday the 17thMay 2020, at 1:00p.m. for the purposes following:-

- (a) Receiving from the Church Council and considering: (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll; (ii) an annual report on its proceedings; (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) The election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust.
- (c) The election of the Church Council;
- (d) The election of sidesmen;
- (e) The election of an auditor;
- (f) Transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.

To be part of the Electoral Roll is a way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry. All qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration," which is attached /available from the office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; and (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming ACM, you should complete and submit an Electoral Roll Declaration form. You do not need to fill out a new form if your name already appears on the current electoral roll, to confirm that, please call the Cathedral office at 25234157. Completed forms must reach the cathedral office, by 29th April 2020 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2020. Any inquiries may be directed to Viola Ip, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

In preparation for the election of the trustees and council members, all those registered on the Electoral Roll are eligible to nominate and receive nomination. Please find the Nomination Form attached /available from the office. Each nomination requires the consent of the candidate, the nominee and a seconder. Please submit the completed form to the cathedral office by 29th April, 2020. Trustees and council members are important leadership positions in the cathedral. You are welcome to nominate individuals who are mature in the faith and committed in serving God and his people to these positions.

We thank you for your continuous contribution to the life of the church and look forward to your presence and participation at the Annual Church Meeting. God bless you all.

Dated this 29th March 2020

The Very Revd Matthias Der

Dean

Michael Spencer

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Hon. Secretary



Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited 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.

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

(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.)