



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.'*

27TH SEPTEMBER 2020 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Communion Service (John Rutter)
Hymns: God is here! As we his people, 170i, 445, 335

26th September Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/36DsflLiNwt0>

27th September Sunday Eucharist and Evening Prayer

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/jomtvi9X4XM>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/rEfYv1ViUE4>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/b8HZZsJYgeE>

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style https://youtu.be/cm3jT7y8D_w

29th September St Michael & All Angels

7.30pm Sung Eucharist (English) https://youtu.be/_Qlz978k-Y4

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COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Philippians 2.1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God

who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21.23-32

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum.

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 John's Cathedral, The Very Revd Matthias Der, The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre, The Revd Canon Peter Koon, The Revd Franklin Lee, The Revd Robert Martin, The Revd William Newman, The Revd Mark Rogers, The Revd Sharon Langbis, The Revd Amos Poon, The Revd Jenny Wong Nam and The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri; for the ministries of St John's Cathedral; for the spread of the Gospel in the city and serve the community; for their outreach ministries: HELP for Domestic Workers, Mission for Migrant Workers, Life Enrichment Centre, Counselling Centre, Bookstore, Castaway Shop, poverty alleviation and prison ministry; for the consecration of The Very Revd Matthias Der to the Holy Order of Bishop and to be Bishop Co-adjutor of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island; for his calling to be one with the apostles to guard the faith, unity, and the government of the whole church, and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

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

Now is the rainy season in Toungoo. 20 families lost their houses in flooding. We pray for them as they seek to rebuild their lives and their homes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

John Charman, Peter Lau, The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri, Gareth Williams, CJ Verdejo, Christina Poon, Tai Yu Hei, Philip Yeung, Richard Jones, Robert Chan, Leung Siu Tim, Daniel Lee, Faye Butcher, Donald Nip, Daisy Tai, Lene Bille Hoegh, Kathryn Lewis, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Susan Westlake, Cath Dalton, Tsui Man Fong, Margaret Pini, Francesca Lorenzi, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Tai Choi Yeng, Michael Banyard, John McIntosh, Charity Angelmyer, Wong Lai King, Catherine Chan, Jake Pitts, Chong Yuk Lau, John Banigan, Jeshu Yau, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Raymond Yuen, Anthony Chan, John David, Christina Chan, Geoff Walsh, Leslie Henderson, Chen Kuk Tye, David Holme, Timothy Moreno, John Butcher, Donna Gail Willis, Luke Inkin, Elaine Cogan, Janice Currie, Meena Tsui, Monica Cornelius and Heather Little.

We also pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Susan Larsen
Chan Moon

In memoriam:
Rainer Wolfgang Rommel-Sutter

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.**

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Dear Lord,
as we continue to journey
through this period of pandemic and social distancing,
help us to proclaim that;
we are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



British Methodist Conference (adapted)



DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Daily Gospel Reflection' is an audio clip distributed to subscribers of St John's Updates by WhatsApp every weekday. Through these voice messages, our clergy will provide us with spiritual food for personal meditation.

If you wish to receive daily audio clips 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

You will also receive updates about our Cathedral activities.

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp. For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please refer to our website <https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk>

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG KUI CONSECRATION OF BISHOP

As COVID-19 cases are still appearing in Hong Kong, the Consecration of Bishop scheduled at 3.00pm on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 at St John's Cathedral is now arranged to take place in seclusion and without the attendance of the public. Parishioners and citizens from all walks of life may participate in the Service by watching a live broadcast streamed on the websites of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island.

The Thanksgiving Dinner on the same day is cancelled.

Please continue to pray for The Very Revd Matthias Der, the Bishop-elect, and for the Consecration Service.

Link to the live webcast of the Consecration service: <https://t.ly/5gt3>

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Church

Sundays	10.30am—3.00pm
Weekdays	7.00am—6.00pm
Saturdays	7.00am—3.00pm
Public Holidays	9.00am—4.00pm

Office

Weekdays	9.00am—5.00pm
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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS ON LOWER ALBERT ROAD

As works are being carried out at the main entrance of Justice Place, vehicle access via Lower Albert Road to the Cathedral ground is closed until further notice. Pedestrians can still walk through the passageway via Lower Albert Road to enter the Cathedral ground. For those driving into the Cathedral ground, please use the Garden Road main gate.

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS

10.00am to 5.00pm
Monday – Saturday

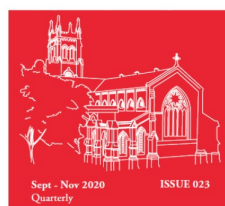
Closed
Sunday & Public Holiday

Customers please send us messenger messages for enquiries and orders during our non-operating hours. Please stay safe and keep healthy.

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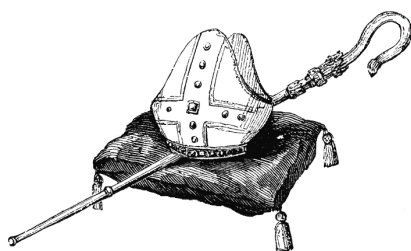
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CONSECRATION OF DEAN MATTHIAS DER AS BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR

It will soon be time to say ‘Thank You’ and ‘Farewell’ to Dean Matthias, and to wish him well in his new ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. His Bishop’s seat will be at St John’s Cathedral so we will continue to benefit from his leadership.

As a token of appreciation for Matthias’ ministry at St John’s, we are appealing for donations for a farewell gift to be presented to him at his Consecration as Bishop Co-adjutor on 3rd October 2020, Saturday at 3.00pm.

Dean Matthias’ remarkable gift is to be a unifier of our disparate congregations, outreach programmes, and ministries. He has proven to be a wise leader who has helped navigate our ship through our 170th anniversary celebrations, the social movements, and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. He has done so with a clear vision for our Cathedral which is “a place of God’s grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.”

We wish him every good wish and blessing in his new role, and hope you will contribute generously to this appeal.

Martin Matsui & John Li
Trustees

Dean Matthias will officially assume the office of the Diocesan Bishop on 1st January 2021 with the Enthronement Service being scheduled to be held on 2nd January 2021. He has agreed to remain as Dean until 31st December 2020 or when the new dean arrives whichever comes first. Please continue to pray for the Board of Patronage in their search for the new dean.

Your gifts can be made:

- on the Cathedral website — Please put ‘Thanks and Farewell — Dean Matthias’ in the Message Box at the bottom of the online donation form.
- in cash or cheque — Please designate your gift for ‘Thanks and Farewell — Dean Matthias’ and make your cheque payable to **St John’s Cathedral**.

Receipts are available upon request at the Cathedral office.



2020 "Creative Art Contest"



Since the beginning of 2020, all parts of the world have been raged by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019), which has greatly affected the lives and work of people from all walks of life. Art can help relieve emotional stress and also help discover our creative potentiality. St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre hopes to bring positive energy to everyone through the "2020 Creative Art Contest". We welcome young people and public to participate.

Entry category

- Junior Group (Primary 1 to 6 students)
- Senior Group (Secondary 1 to 6 students)
- Open Group (Persons aged 18 or above)

Judging criteria

A jury composed of senior professionals selects the winning works according to their aesthetics, composition, creativity and the use of Zentangle inspired patterns.

Prizes

- All participants will receive an electronic certificate of excellence from the Organizer.
- The jury will select three most promising creative works from each group of submitted works.
- Each winner will receive a cash voucher worth HK\$800 and a certificate of the most promising creative work.
- All submitted works will be made into videos and used for exhibition purposes in the future.

Artwork Submission

Participants must download the registration form from the online channels designated by the Organizer and submit it through online, in person or mail to the following address on or before November 30, 2020 (Monday) along with samples of completed works:

St. John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Center
4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

The envelope must be marked "2020 Creative Art Contest" and also note: "Don't bend"

Results Announcement

The list of winners will be announced online on December, 30 2020 (Wednesday). Winners will be notified by email.



Reference

Submission QR Code



Download the participation form



Facebook Page



Google Drive

Enquiry: 25230531

Email: elijahfung@stjohnlec.com

Please follow the Facebook page for contest updates

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Learn relationship skills and how to enhance your connection with your partner in an interactive, fun and educational setting. Gain a deeper understanding of your strength and growth areas as a couple.

DATES (SATURDAYS) & TIME:
7TH & 14TH NOVEMBER 2020
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Community Building — The Revd Franklin Lee
Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Outreach Ministry — The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Liturgy and Spirituality — The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Filipino Ministry —
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
The Revd Sharon Langbis

Chinese Ministry —
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Amos Poon (*Mission and Ministry*)

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service
HELP for Domestic Workers
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



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

Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information: _____

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