



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.'*

29TH MARCH 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher:	The Revd Franklin Lee
Deacon:	The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	94, 379, 83, 461 (T.700)
Anthem:	Crucifixus à 6 (Antonio Lotti)
Reader:	Kelvin Ng
Intercessor:	Lilian Cheung

Sunday Eucharist will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please visit the following link before 9.00am this Sunday:

English Service: <https://youtu.be/nHOBhz5KlzE>

The Mandarin and Tagalog services will be made available at 10.30am.

Mandarin Service: https://youtu.be/iB_e8IykvUs

Tagalog Service: <https://youtu.be/hNDmn1jKOo4>

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you all at this troubling time!

As the outbreak of the Coronavirus persists, all worship services (including weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) at St John's Cathedral remain suspended until further notice. This will likely affect our services in Holy Week and Easter. We are saddened by this. However, this extraordinary measure, issued by the House of Bishops, is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all. Please consult the special listing for webcast services for Holy Week and Easter.

While we all find this crisis extremely frustrating, it is imperative that we maintain our spiritual life and focus our minds and thoughts on the sovereignty of God. We hope that by joining the webcast services offered by the Cathedral, you have been reminded of the love and presence of Jesus Christ.

I find the words of St Paul in Romans 8:38-39 helpful at this time,

"I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor power nor height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

God has not abandoned us. He is with us each step of the way at this unsettling time. While fear and anxiety encroach upon us, we ought to overcome them through our faith in Christ. Our hope is stronger than despair and our love for each other will carry us through.

As a house of prayer, the Cathedral will remain open from 10.30am to 3.00pm for private prayers on Sundays. Clergy will be present to provide pastoral support and short prayer will also be said on the hour between 11.00am and 3.00pm. During weekdays, the Cathedral is open during normal opening hours with the Midday Prayer being offered at 1.00pm.

Like you, I am greatly concerned of the rapid spread of the virus around the world. My heart goes out to all those who have become afflicted and those who grieve the loss of the loved ones. Please join me by praying earnestly for them. May the healing power and protection of God be upon us all! The Cathedral clergy are here to listen and offer support. Should you wish to talk to any one of us, please do not hesitate to contact the Cathedral office. May God bless us all!

The Dean

Coronavirus Prayer

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we humbly ask you to have mercy on humanity besieged by coronavirus. Forgive us our selfish thoughts and actions which deny others a fair share of resources, and our reliance on human capacity to deliver rather than leaning into the hope of faith.

Give wisdom to those in authority making decisions which impact every aspect of community life; enable the health systems to respond with gentleness and compassion; help us all to support, encourage and care for each other both in church and community; and be with us as we find ways to share in worship and witness despite restrictions.

Shine the light of your love into the darkness of this pandemic and reassure us of your goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- from the Anglican Church of Australia

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Romans 8.6-11

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 11.1-45

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters

sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even

though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, 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—Season of Prayer and Repentance

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign Lord of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, your unfaithful children, are truly sorry for our sins and the lives that we have lived. We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, can we obtain your forgiveness. We repent that: In thought, word or deed, we have committed serious offences against you and our neighbours; In laziness, despair and lust for power, we have provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities; In greed, deceit and indifference, we have caused serious damage, unnecessary conflict and aggravated destruction to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters; In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, we have encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families;

PRAYERS

In the name of religion, doctrine and even of Christ himself, we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith; In stubbornness, pride and arrogance, we have caused division and strife within your church and among your children; Mercifully send your Holy Spirit – the Spirit of order and comfort – and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; restore in us true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 vision and future development of **Holy Carpenter Church** and **The Church of the Magnificat**; for the Revd Simon Cheung, the Revd Tsang Kai Choy and their mission team members. May the Lord grant them a united and truthful heart filled with the strength of the Holy Spirit, make them humble servants to love and serve the Church, the schools and the community centres, to gather people to the Kingdom of God; pray for the spiritual life of believers so that everyone can grow up in love and live in faith; for the parish ministries of students and families so that they may hear the Gospel, receive God's grace and become members of the Church.

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:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Samuel Wu, priest
Alan Buik CMP, priest
Anna Maria Paturza
Sek Suit Ying

The funeral of Sek Suit Ying will be held at St John's Cathedral on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 10.30am.

In Memoriam
Leslie Cheung

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.**

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI CONSECRATION OF BISHOP

Due to the concerns of the spread of COVID-19, the consecration of Dean Matthias as Bishop which was scheduled to be held on 23rd May has now been postponed to **3rd October 2020**. Please make note of this postponement and reserve the date on your calendar. Meanwhile, please pray for Dean Matthias and his family as he prepares for his episcopal ministry.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY?

While all our public services are suspended due to the virus outbreak, both the cathedral and the office remain open. The clergy have explored creative ways to provide pastoral care and teaching to people through various means. Our outreach ministries continue to serve the needy in our community. Many have asked how they could support the ministry of the cathedral at this difficult time. Please continue to pray for one another and for our church. You may also like to support the church's ministry through On-Line Donation which is easy and fast. Please use the link below or the QR code for it.



[https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/
Donation/default.aspx?lang=1](https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1)

We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

RADIO MINISTRY ON RTHK4 FM97

The Revd Will Newman will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am on Tuesday mornings in March.

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 new 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>).

BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS

With the situation of the COVID-19 outbreak getting worse and to cope with the advice from the HKSAR government for reducing staff number in the workplace, the SJC Bookstore opening hours will be **from 10.30am to 4.00pm daily** (until further notice).

Customers please send us messenger messages for enquiries and orders during our non-operating hours.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Due to health concerns, the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be postponed to Sunday, 17th May at 1.00pm. The registration and updating of the Electoral Roll will soon begin. Please pay attention to further notices.



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral will be held at Li Hall on Sunday the 17th May 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
Hon. Secretary

WEBCAST SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2020

5th April 2020 – Palm Sunday

9.00am Sung Eucharist

9th April 2020 – Maundy Thursday

9.00am Solemn Liturgy for the Blessing of Oils & the Renewal of
Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy

8.00pm Sung Eucharist with the Washing of Feet

10th April 2020 – Good Friday

1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy

11th April 2020 – Holy Saturday

8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter

12th April 2020 – Easter Day

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)



Webcast links will be available next week.

CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN FOR APPLICATION

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Candidates should be:

- members of St John's Cathedral, a daughter church or another Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui parish, or their children; or choir members there with two years good attendance;
- at least 12, and under 30, on 1st September 2020;
- musically talented and have at least these ABRSM grades (or equivalent)
 - ABRSM grade 8 (or equivalent) in singing;
 - or grade 6 (or equivalent) in piano with conducting experience;
 - or grade 8 in piano or grade 6 in organ (or equivalent) with choral experience.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website. Deadline for application: **Friday, 3rd April 2020**. Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral office for further details.