



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.'*

8TH DECEMBER 2019 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Reader: Anthony Height

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Deacon: The Revd Franklin Lee
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Psalm: 72.1-7 (Turtle)
Hymns: 12, 5, 500, 10
Anthem: This is the record of John (Lau Yik Long)
Voluntary: Magnificat Primi Toni BuxWV203
(Dieterich Buxtehude)
Readers/Intercessor: Susan King, Andrew Ashley/Aron Yuen

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

11.45am Choral Mattins (See insert)

Officiant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Reader: Saki Tsoi

1.15pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong (See insert)

Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: William Cheng

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request at all Eucharists in this Cathedral. Please enquire of the Sidesmen or Servers for directions to the distribution. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service.**

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 8th December	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (English)
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.30am	CLARES
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—Annual Christmas Choir Concert with Hong Kong Singers
	2.30pm	Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
FRI 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
SAT 14th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 15th December	The Third Sunday of Advent	
Isaiah 35.1-10	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Psalms 146.4-10		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
James 5.7-10	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
Matthew 11.2-11		Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
		Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee
		Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.15pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
		A Eucharist for those mourning a loss this Christmas season.
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Voice one—On this second week of Advent we light the first candle again, remembering God's promise to be with us (*lights one purple candle*).

Voice two—We also light the second candle to remind us of our longing for peace in our world (*lights another purple candle*).

Voice one—This candle is a symbol of God's promise of comfort and strength.

Voice two—We wait in hope for God to break into our lives.

All O God, come journey with us through Advent.

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 11.1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM 72.1-7

1 Give the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.
3 The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
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

Romans 15.4-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3.1-12

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke

when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world; for Sheran Harper, Worldwide President and Bev Jullien, Chief Executive.

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 James' Church, their vicar Revd Lysta Leung and her staff; for the building up of a thanksgiving culture, and for the work of evangelism; for the support to couples, parenting training and family evangelism, for the mission to SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, SKH St James' Primary School, St Christopher's Nursery, St James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Kindergarten and Child Care Centre; for the mutual support and cooperation with St James' Settlement & HKSKH Welfare Council.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember Christians in Central, InTouch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, HELP For Domestic Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

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:

Lila Szweda, Lene Bille Hoegh, Justin Ching, Luke Inkin, Annie Kwan, Kong Siu-Ming, Benjamin Ng, Elaine Cogan, Anthony Chan, Chow Pak Kwan, Geoff Walsh, Nie Shi Fa, Chen Kuk Tye, Mike Chan, Shirley Nie, Tounng Ming, May Cheng, Margaret Pini, Marianne Felch, John McIntosh, Catherine Chan, Roger Bebbington, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Tai Yu Hei, Christina Chan, Eunice Chan, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Daisy Tai, Ron Fast, John David, Timothy Moreno, Chong Yuk Lau, Jesher Yau, Andrew Wong, Donna Gail Willis, Caroline Yu, Monica Cornelius, Leslie Henderson Phyllis Schmitz, Raymond Yuen, Meena Tsui, Kathryn Lewis, Richard Jones, Susan Westlake and Kathryn McCallen.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Malcolm Coldman, Lucila Martinez, Jenn Hurlow, Frank van Ginkle and Jeff Hesselword.

The funeral of Frank van Ginkle will be held on Wednesday 11th December at 11.00am and the funeral of Jeff Hesselword will be held on Friday 13th December at 2.00pm.

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 HONG KONG

O Saviour Christ, in whose love lies the secret of all life and the hope of all people, we pray for quiet courage to match this hour. We did not choose to be born or live in such an age; but let its problems challenge us, its discoveries exhilarate us, its injustices anger us, its possibilities inspire us and its vigour renew us, for your Kingdom's sake. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS
to St Stephen's Chapel Stanley,
celebrating their 70th Anniversary this
weekend! Our love and prayers are
with them at this joyful time.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild thanks Ms Joanna Chu for her supports toward costs of flowers in the Cathedral.

'FAITH BEGINS'

Wednesday evenings
5th February—16th May 2020

'Faith Begins' is the course for adult baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral. The course explores the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere with a meal and informal discussion. 'Faith Begins' is rooted in the Anglican tradition which values the bible, tradition, and reason, and interprets them in the light of a modern understanding about life and the world we live in.

For further information please see the 'Faith Begins' leaflet.

How do I enrol? Just send your contact details to Fr Mark at rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline:
15th January 2020

PARENTS AND TODDLERS

There will be no Parents and Toddlers meeting on 26th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020.



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



Chill Corner – Chill with Music & Christmas Party



Guest Performers:
St Paul's College

Date: 15th December 2019 (Sunday)
Venue: Harold Smyth Room
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

All are welcome. Scan and Register!



Come Join
Our Popular
Sing-Along

Traditional Christmas Carols

In the Garden
with Cathedral Brass

Thursday 19th December
12.45pm Cathedral Garden

**2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL**

15th December (Sun)

The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A service for those mourning
a loss this Christmas season

21st December (Sat)

3.00pm Crib Service (30 mins)
4.30 pm Christingle Service
6.00pm Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist

22nd December (Sun)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Worship for All with
Sunday School Nativity
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
1.15pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

24th December (Tue)

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Christingle Service
11.00 pm Midnight Mass of the
Nativity and Blessing
of the Crib

25th December (Wed)

Christmas Day

8.00 am Said Eucharist
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45 am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols
1.15 pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
(No evening service)

**TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
MIDNIGHT MASS**

24th December (Tue) at 11.00pm

Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1300 people to our Midnight Mass of the Nativity and the numbers are growing. We will be issuing tickets again this year to ensure that there is a fair distribution to members of the Cathedral congregations and the wider community.

**Please note that all tickets for
the Midnight Mass have now
been issued.**

**The remaining 100 tickets will be
distributed at the main door at
9.00pm on the 24th December.**

PLEASE ALSO NOTE

- 1) On the night of 24th December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm, using the North and South Transept doors of the Church.
- 2) All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
- 3) At 10.45pm any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen.
- 4) Overflow provision will be prepared for worshippers in both the Li Hall and the North lawn.

**Due to the current situation in Hong Kong,
the service schedule is subject to change.*

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 Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

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/2.00pm/6.00pm 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.

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