



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.'

19TH APRIL 2020 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 106 (T.219), Finished the strife of battle now,
104 (omit*), 112

Sunday Eucharist and Evensong will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please visit the following links :

- 9.00am Sung Eucharist (English)
https://youtu.be/pkoXjIRew_o
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)
<https://youtu.be/uQqmXQz238s>
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)
<https://youtu.be/6O9mpjZXHLE>
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong
<https://youtu.be/N1HoazHBAZs>

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

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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, 22-32

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, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."
'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on

his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 20.19-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have

not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 the Church of Ireland.

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 Stephen's Church, Macau and the Revd Simon Fan; for the ministry of young families and missions of the church; for the ministry in Macau Anglican College; for the youth ministry 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 Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

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:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Rodney Farrar
Kwan Wong Tai Wah

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.**

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

- **RTHK3 AM567**

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

- **RTHK4 FM97.**

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 2020.

FOOD BANK

Food Banks are a way of supporting those who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid hunger. We are very grateful to the generosity people have shown to ensure we can continue to serve the needy in our society. At this particular time with the COVID-19 outbreak, we expect the pressure to provide for those in need will only increase.

We appeal to everyone to bring non-perishable food items to St John's Food Collection Box at the West Door by Wednesday **22nd April**. The food items will then be taken to St James' Settlement for distribution to those in need. Thank you very much for your support!

A Prayer at the time of Coronavirus



Ever present God, be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing to us in our sickness,
and joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness;
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar;
and when the doors reopen
may we speak of your goodness to an emerging world.
In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



Opening Hours :
from 10.30am to 4.00pm daily

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



ONLINE PROMOTION :

All orders made through Facebook Messenger, Email or Telephone calls will receive a SPECIAL 20% DISCOUNT.

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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>).



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

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.



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HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL

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.)