

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

**15TH MARCH 2020
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher:	The Dean
Deacon:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	374, 66, 73i, 368
Anthem:	Pure river of water of life (James Whitbourn)
Reader:	Jeannie Chan
Intercessor:	Roger Lo

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/VQRJoLCdrJE**](https://youtu.be/VQRJoLCdrJE)

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

Mandarin Service: [**https://youtu.be/oYZpam6bXPo**](https://youtu.be/oYZpam6bXPo)

Tagalog Service: [**https://youtu.be/dobYfpVwOvQ**](https://youtu.be/dobYfpVwOvQ)

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St John's Cathedral services suspended until further notice

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and out of love and care for all people, all worship services (including weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) at St John's Cathedral are suspended until further notice. This extraordinary measure, issued by the House of Bishops, is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all. Please consult the Cathedral website for the latest news regarding when the services will be resumed.

Sunday Sung Eucharist in English will be broadcast at 9.00am, Mandarin and Tagalog Said Eucharist will be broadcast at 10.30am through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please refer to the cover page for details and join us at these webcast services.

On Sundays, the Cathedral will be open from 10.30am to 3.00pm for private prayers. Clergy will be present to provide pastoral support. A short prayer will also be said at the hour. The Cathedral will be open at the normal hours during weekdays. The prayer at 1.00pm will continue during weekdays even though no public services will be held. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

As we have entered the holy season of Lent in this very unsettling time, it is important that we humble ourselves before Jesus Christ and allow his love, peace and hope to encourage us. Lent is a time of simplicity and penitence. With heightened spiritual discipline we prepare to walk in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we experience a sense of renewal through the love of Christ in a special way.

Please continue to pray that the virus outbreak will be contained around the world and that those who have been afflicted will be healed soon. We offer our trust to God and extend our care and love for each other in our community. 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
St John's Cathedral



A prayer in time of virus outbreak

God of hope and healing, at this time of a virus outbreak
give courage and healing to the sick,
patience to the suffering and comfort to the anxious.
Grant those in authority and the medical personnel
wisdom and sensitivity to manage the situation.

Pour your love upon us so we may be an encouragement
and help for each other at this time of need.
Abide with us in our going out and coming in.
Protect us all and give us the assurance of your faith, hope and love.

We offer our prayer to Jesus Christ
in whose name wholeness, salvation and peace come.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 5.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 4.5-42

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus

said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me

everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK PRAYER REQUESTS

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 England and the Most Revd and Right Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

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 Joseph's Church, for the parish's kindergarten, social service centre and St Joseph's Primary School in facing the future developments of Kam Tin and Pak Heung; for the co-operation among the church, schools and social service agencies in Kam Tin and Pat Heung area; for the exploration of redevelopment of St Joseph's 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 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

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

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

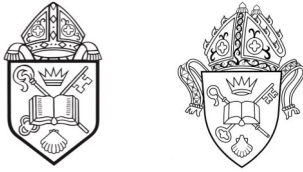
In Memoriam

Chew Ming Teck a.k.a. Chou Yi Tong
(8th year anniversary, 12th March 2012)

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.**

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

**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.

**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

Due to the 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.

**RADIO MINISTRY
ON RTHK4 FM97**

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

The Revd Mark Rogers will be speaking on 'Reflections' at 10.56pm from 16th to 20th March.

**The Annunciation
of Our Lord
to the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Broadcast)**



7.30pm Sung Eucharist
25th March, 2020 (Wednesday)

Celebrant:
The Revd Robert Martin

Preacher:
The Revd Amos Poon

Please use the following link:
<https://youtu.be/aVlnbJ4-XcI>

**SJC BOOKSTORE
Opening Hours**

With effect from Saturday 14th March 2020, the Bookstore opening hours are as follows until further notice.

Monday - Saturday
10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday & Public Holiday
10.00am - 2.00pm

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>

DONATION OF MASKS

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many, we have received more than 7000 masks since the appeal started. They have been delivered to the elderly, the vulnerable and the poor in the community through the Western District Elderly Care (HKSKH Welfare Council). The Cathedral continues to receive masks donation at the cathedral door and at the office.



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

St John Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre sincerely invites you to participate

LIFE IN COVID-19 PHOTO ALBUM (from now to 25th March 2020)

Have you felt disconnected, depressed or bored lately? These are challenging times when adults may have to work remotely from their home. With most of their classes suspended, kids and teenagers have to attend classes and submit homework online. Whatever your age, with the extra amount of time you spend at home, you may probably feel strange without social interaction or much entertainment.

The LEC is creating an online photo-journal platform to foster positive attitudes and bring some cheer to everyone through the sharing of your life moments and experiences during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Please submit your photo via the following link.

Google Form link:

<https://forms.gle/WBJMusTV2n8GNnFH6>

The collected photos will be exhibited on Outreach Sunday and other appropriate occasions at our Cathedral.

Please invite your colleagues and friends to join. Thank you.

Enquiries:

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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

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/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.

Other questions / information: _____

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