

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.'*

1ST MARCH 2020 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Dean
Preacher:	The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
Deacon:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	67, 64, 70i, 383ii (omit*)
Anthem:	Hear my prayer (Felix Mendelssohn)
Reader:	James Choo
Intercessor:	Debbie McGowan

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/r23ffVxTB2g>

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

Mandarin Service: <https://youtu.be/2zU2-DUttPY>

Tagalog Service: <https://youtu.be/2eVu4dEVyrk>

**ONLINE
DONATION**



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

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 AND READINGS

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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. 12-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as

many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4.1-11

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 affiliated with the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and the Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago & Primate.

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 Church of the Divine Love; for the Revd Dr Lau Tze Yui, the renewal of the lives of the faithful community; for the connection and cooperation between the church, schools and the social service units in community; pray that the Lord will lead us to spread the love of Christ together.

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.

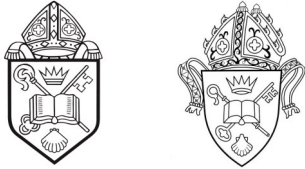
We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for the Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

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

The Consecration Service of our Dean, The Very Reverend Matthias Clement Tze-Wo Der to the Holy Order of Bishop will be held at 4.00pm (seated by 3.45pm) on Saturday 23rd May 2020 at St John's Cathedral. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar.

After the consecration, Dean Matthias will serve as the Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and on 1st January he will assume the office of the Diocesan Bishop. The Board of Patronage has met to begin the process of recruiting the next Dean. For the time being, Dean Matthias will remain as the dean of St John's Cathedral until 31st December 2020 or when a new dean arrives, whichever comes first.

Please pray for Dean Matthias and his family and the process of God's calling for the new dean.

DONATION OF MASKS

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many, we have received more than 2000 masks since the appeal started a week ago. 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.

LENT COURSE



The Cathedral will be offering a Lent Course through virtual meeting on Zoom. The course will commence this coming Wednesday on 4th March and will meet for 6 sessions.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March
1st and 8th April

We will be studying on the Sacrament of the Eucharist using the Pilgrim Course Series. Please purchase your book at the Cathedral office for \$100 per copy before the course begins.

Please sign up with Elisa at deanssec@stjohncathedral.org.hk by Monday, 2nd March so you can be invited to join the Zoom meeting. The Dean is the leader for the course. The course is limited to 15 participants. All are welcome!

SJC BOOKSTORE
Opening Hours
during the Epidemic Period
(until further notice)

Weekdays and Saturday:
10.30am—4.30pm

Sunday:
10.30am - 3.00pm

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 Chaplain:

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:

I do not agree to receive any promotional materials from St John's Cathedral.

This information is collected in accordance with the Personal Data Privacy Statement as published on the St John's Cathedral website at "www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk".