



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.'*

16TH AUGUST 2020 THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Communion Service (John Rutter)
Hymns: 332 (omit*), 480 (T.161), 474 (omit*), 439 (omit*)

15th August Saturday Eucharist

12.00noon The Blessed Virgin Mary <https://youtu.be/oOQ7nvt3qtg>
Sung Eucharist

Anticipated service

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/4-b03-PXoGs>

16th August Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) https://youtu.be/_m3vIIRznEI

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/QNMzxJ9Ahtg>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/QAP4OjxnG7Q>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/YdK4wZ4WOkU>

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COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 11.1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15.21-28

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered,

'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church and The Most Revd Mark, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness.

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 Crown of Thorns' Church, for the ministries of the gospel outreach and pastoral care ministries; for the people of the Church to be awoken and aroused, to love God and our neighbours, to be eager for the Words of God, to know the Church, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to witness the Lord loyally; for those who are struggling with poor health; may God's healing hand be with them and bring them comfort in times of suffering; for the parish's schools; may God bless the principals and the teachers, protect and keep them in body and spirit, grant them wisdom during the times of challenges; for the Pastoral Centre and the

community services of the Church; may your servants be full of Christ's love and compassion, and may the people be full of enthusiasm to serve the community and honour the Lord with grace.

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 pray for the search of the new Dean. 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:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri, Wong Ho Ying, Gareth Williams, Grace Sun, Christina Poon, CJ Verdejo, Philip Yeung, Robert Chan, Leung Siu Tim, Daniel Lee, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Cath Dalton, Donald Nip, Lene Bille Hoegh, Kathryn Lewis, Tai Choi Yeng, Richard Jones, Michael Banyard, Faye Butcher, Margaret Pini, Susan Westlake, Tsui Man Fong, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Catherine Chan, Charity Angelmyer, Wong Lai King, Chong Yuk Lau, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, John Banigan, Jeshu Yau, Francesca Lorenzi, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Anthony Chan, John David, Geoff Walsh, Jake Pitts, Chen Kuk Tye, Leslie Henderson, David Holme, Raymond Yuen, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, John Butcher, Donna Gail Willis, Luke Inkin, Timothy Moreno, Elaine Cogan, Janice Currie, Christina Chan, Meena Tsui, Monica Cornelius, John McIntosh and Phyllis Schmitz.

Please pray for the recently departed:
May Large

We also pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19.

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.**



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>).

PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR OUR CORONAVIRUS WORLD

We now live in a 'Coronavirus world'. Please remember, we are still the Church even though we are not physically gathered, and that when we get together again, we will celebrate.

In the meantime, even though the world seems to have cancelled everything right now, as people of faith let us remember:

- Caring will not be cancelled
- Love will not be cancelled
- Acts of Kindness will not be cancelled
- Relationships will not be cancelled
- Hope will not be cancelled
- Music will not be cancelled
- Reading and Study will not be cancelled
- Self-care will not be cancelled
- Faith will not be cancelled

This is our prayer. Amen.

Iowa City First United Methodist Church, USA



PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF BEIRUT

God of refuge, hear our prayer as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love.

In your mercy, bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured, shelter to those who are homeless sustenance to those who hunger.

Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives, and protect those who are vulnerable especially in a time of coronavirus.

Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope wherever there is destruction and despair.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

On the evening of Tuesday 4th August, two explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital city of Beirut sent an enormous shockwave across the city killing over 200 people and leaving more than 4,000 injured.

Rescue workers are still searching for many more missing people and parts of Beirut are now uninhabitable. Thousands of families were affected by the explosion. Many of them have slept in shattered homes or temporary accommodation, while also facing the deadly threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

If you would like to help those affected by this tragedy please send any donations to the Archbishop's International Relief Fund, c/o St John's Cathedral Office.

Cheques should be made out to the '**Archbishop's International Relief Fund**' and clearly marked on the back for the '**Beirut Appeal**'.
Thank you for your generosity.

NOTICES

CLERGY

Dean Matthias is on a private and silent retreat from 5th to 21st August as part of the preparation for his consecration as bishop on 3rd October. Please pray for God's empowerment and grace to rest upon him as he prepares for the episcopal ministry. During his time away, please contact the Cathedral Office for any assistance.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS ON LOWER ALBERT ROAD

As works are being carried out at the main entrance of Justice Place, vehicle access via Lower Albert Road to the Cathedral ground is closed from Wednesday 5th August to Saturday 19th September. Pedestrians can still walk through the passageway via Lower Albert Road to enter the cathedral ground. For those driving into the Cathedral ground, please use the Garden Road main gate.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

In support of the health measures issued by the Centre for Health Protection, the cathedral will shorten its opening hours to

Church	Sundays	10.30am—3.00pm
	Weekdays	7.00am—4.00pm
	Saturdays	7.00am—3.00pm
	Public Holidays	10.00am—3.00pm
Office	Weekdays	9.00am—4.00pm

SJC BOOKSTORE

OPENING HOURS

With the situation of the COVID-19 outbreak getting worse and having taken the advice from the HKSAR Govt for reducing staff number in the workplace, the Bookstore opening hours will be as follow until further notice.

10.30am to 3.30pm - Monday – Saturday

Closed - Sunday

Customers please send us messenger messages for enquiries and orders during our non-operating hours. Please stay safe and keep healthy.

BUY VOUCHERS NOW AND SAVE 20%

Please call us at 28682848 or send us Facebook Messenger texts for details!

Vouchers with validity of 18 months can be redeemed for your shopping online or in our Bookstore, you can also share them with friends & family .

ACT NOW BEFORE THE OFFER ENDS !!!

ONLINE ORGAN RECITAL BY JASON TANG

Despite of the current pandemic, we have been able to provide a place for learning and for experiencing our Anglican choral tradition in the past few months for young musicians. Since the reopening of churches on 1st June 2020, we have a young organist who have been with us at our choir rehearsals and choral services.

Jason Tang has just graduated from Ying Wa College after sitting the HKDSE examinations. Jason began his piano lessons as a child with Sung Man-ling and received his ATCL diploma in piano performance with distinction in 2015. In the same year he started learning the organ, first with Carmen Wong and later with Dr Helon Kwan. Jason was Chief Organist of Ying Wa College between 2016 and 2018 and he received an ATCL diploma in organ in 2019.

Jason was one of the six participants admitted to the 52nd International Organ Festival Haarlem Young Talent Programme in 2018. In this high-level programme he had the privilege to study with world-acclaimed organ professors including Leo van Doeselaar, Lorenzo Ghelmi, Jean-Baptiste Robin, Ben van Oosten and Louis Robilliard.

Jason will be pursuing his Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree at the Royal Academy of Music in London majoring in organ performance, under the tutelage of Professor David Titterington in September this year with full scholarship.

To bid him a fond farewell and to wish him a great success in his future endeavour, we proudly present him at our online organ recital. Jason will perform a programme of Bach, Couperin, Dupré, Franck and Rheinberger. The live broadcast of the recital will start at 3.30pm on Sunday 16th August 2020 on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/sqt6ey9t7ww>

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

We are so grateful to God who has blessed us with a new home. On the 25th of July, the Counselling Service successfully moved into our new office at **7/F, Wings Building, 110-116 Queen's Road Central, Central.**

It has been not easy to accomplish the renovation schedule under the COVID-19 restrictions yet God has given us many angels who have helped us make this new home possible.

Now that we have more counselling rooms, a group room and a staff room, the new office offers us new potentials including group therapy, professional training and staff development. In the future, we will continue to serve God through providing professional mental health services for the Hong Kong community. If you would like to understand our services, work with a counsellor, or make a donation, please contact us at 2525 7207 or email info@sjcshk.com.”



Mental Health Support Group

Are you between the ages of 18 and 24?
Would you like to join a community of
supportive individuals facing similar
struggles?

**This group will meet for 6 sessions to share strategies,
lend mutual support, participate in emotional wellness
activities, and engage in open discussion**

Dates and Time:

August 19th and 26th

September 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th

@ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For Questions and Registration:

Call +852 2525 7207

Email kimh@sjcshk.com

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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 (*Mission and Ministry*)

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/1.30pm/5.00pm 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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