



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.'*

17TH MAY 2020 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 338 (omit *), 341, 265, 420

St John's Cathedral services will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please join us.

16th May Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/WwWc1La7xBM>

17th May Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/tQJsUjusg1k>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) https://youtu.be/J4_pj4szxhM

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/ptU4hQgRHKY>

5.00pm Choral Evensong https://youtu.be/4q_o2WgwfU

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COLLECT, READINGS AND PRAYER

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands

all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 14.15-21

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

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 Anglican Church of Korea and The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo, Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon

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 Kindly Light Church and The Revd Jonathan Lue; for their implementation of the five-year plan (2017-2021); for the parish's mission work in three kindergartens, three elderly centers and the SKH St John's Primary School; for the cooperation of ministries with St Mark's Church and Calvary 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:

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

In Memoriam

Lo Wing Lung
(5th Anniversary of death)

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 DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC



Lord Jesus Christ,
you travelled through towns and villages
“*curing every disease and illness.*”
At your command, the sick were made well.
Come to our aid now,
in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus,
that we may experience your healing love.
Heal those who are sick with the virus.
May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.
Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together
and neighbours from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability
to a disease that knows no borders.
Jesus Christ, healer of all,
stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
Be with those who have died from the virus.
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.
As they worry and grieve,
defend them from illness and despair.
May they know your peace.
Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers
and all medical professionals
who seek to heal and help those affected
and who put themselves at risk in the process.
May they know your protection and peace.
Be with the leaders of all nations.
Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern
for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.
Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions
that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering
from this illness or only a few,
Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn,
persist and prepare.
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
Lord Jesus Christ, heal us.

(A prayer from the U.S. Province of The Society of Jesus)

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY- Online Donation and Bank Transfer

While we observe social distancing, the cathedral ministry and its operation continue to run. We encourage you to support our important work so that we may witness Christ's love and his message of hope at this critical time.

For **ONLINE DONATION**, please use the link below or the QR code for it. You may also consult our Cathedral Website under 'Donation'.



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

For **BANK TRANSFER**, please transfer funds to

St John's Cathedral
HSBC Account Number 002-245348-001

and inform the cathedral office. A tax receipt will be issued for the donation received. We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING to be held at the cathedral TODAY at 1.00pm

The Church of England Trustees' Ordinance stipulates that the Annual Church Meeting is required to be held by the end of May of each year. This meeting will be one of the exemptions under the restrictions on gathering in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. We invite and encourage registered members on the Electoral Roll to attend the meeting.

(To view the profiles of the candidates for the nomination of Trustees and Council, please visit the Cathedral website.)

While attending the Annual Church Meeting, the following measures will be taken.

1. Have the body temperature measured before entry.
2. Clean hands with sanitizer before entering the cathedral.
3. Wear mask throughout the meeting.
4. Maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5meters.
5. Complete and submit a Health Declaration Form before entry. Please download the form from the Cathedral website.
<https://t.ly/bbR5>
6. The Annual Report is available on the Cathedral website.
(To protect our environment, limited hard copies of the Annual Report are printed.)

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.

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>).

RADIO MINISTRY RTHK4 FM97

The Revd Franklin Lee is speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in May.

The Revd William Newman is speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Friday morning in May.

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The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, 21st May 2020



7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Webcast service

<https://youtu.be/wFYdH9ub5FQ>

*Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers*

CASTAWAYS CHARITY SHOP (CLARES)

Opens on Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays from 12.30noon to 2.30pm,
Saturdays from 10.00am to 12noon,
and Sundays from 10.00am to 11.45am.

Take a look and shop now!
Slightly used.



Thanks to the kindheartedness of those good Samaritans who constantly support this charity shop. They have been our inspirations in supporting local charities. The shop continues and gladly accepts clothing, bags and shoes in good, clean and saleable conditions. Designer Sale will be announced later this year.

For donations please contact
Jenny 5316 5125 or email her
Jenniecairns@hotmail.co.uk

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OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday
9.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays
10.00am to 2.00pm



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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.

ACT OF LOVE – SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE GROUPS UNDER THE PANDEMIC

While the economy in Hong Kong has been adversely affected under the pandemic, many families are facing financial difficulties as a result of unemployment, under-employment and close-down of business. At the same time, additional expense are incurred by purchasing prevention supplies causing financial constraint to these families.

In view of this, Act of Love offers short-term emergency cash or food assistance to individuals and families in need, especially those who are not eligible or receiving other welfare assistance.



For more information, please contact the Act of Love Hotline at 8209-8122 or WhatsApp 5263 5850.

(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.)