



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 NOVEMBER 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: The Dean
Communion Setting: St John's Mass (Ernest Hui)
Psalm: 98
Hymns: 234ii, 119, 273, 490
Anthem: A New Song (James MacMillan)
Voluntary: Fantasy-Toccata on 'Heer U bent mijn leven'
(Gert van Hoef)
Readers/Intercessor: Susan King, Patricia Hon/Simon Fong

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist (See insert)

Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: The Dean
Reader/Intercessor: Karmen Kar/Simon Fong

1.15pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

3.30pm Choral Evening (See insert)

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Reader: William Cheng

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request at all Eucharists in this Cathedral. Please enquire of the Sidesmen or Servers for directions to the distribution. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service.**



Faith in the City

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 17th November	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 18th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 19th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (English)
WED 20th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—Viola Music Concert with Early Music Society of Hong Kong
	2.30pm	Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 21st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
FRI 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
SAT 23rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 24th Christ the King		
<i>Jeremiah 23.1-6</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
<i>Psalms 46</i>		
<i>Colossians 1.11-20</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon C.K. Robertson
<i>Luke 23.33-43</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist with Children's Baptism Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee Preacher: The Revd Canon David Pickering
	1.15pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	4.00pm	St John's Cathedral 170 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service Celebrant: The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong Preacher: The Most Revd Michael Bruce Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 4.1-2a

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also, and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21.5-19

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and the Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

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 facing the future developments of Kam Tin and Pak Heung; for the co-operation among the church, schools and social service agents in Kam Tin and Pat Heung area.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Luke Inkin, Kong Siu-Ming, Benjamin Ng, Anthony Chan, Chow Pak Kwan, Elaine Cogan, Geoff Walsh, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Margaret Pini, Mike Chan, Marianne Felch, John McIntosh, Chen Kuk Tye, Annie Kwan, Catherine Chan, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Eunice Chan, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Roger Bebbington, Daisy Tai, Ron Fast, Timothy Moreno, Chong Yuk Lau, Jeshu Yau, Monica Cornelius, Phyllis Schmitz, Raymond Yuen, Meena Tsui, Christina Chan, Tai Yu Hei, Kathryn Lewis, John David, Richard Jones, Susan Westlake, Donna Gail Willis, Andrew Wong, Caroline Yu, Kathryn McCallen, and Leslie Henderson.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Carrie McKinnon, Chow Tsz-lok

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 FOR HONG KONG DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Give us wisdom to play our part at the coming Hong Kong District Council elections through the exercise of each vote; that, with steadfast purpose the elected members may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ELECTION OF BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR

Archbishop Paul Kwong has announced his retirement effective 1st January, 2021. The Diocese of Hong Kong Island has called an extraordinary synod which will be held on 21st and 22nd November, 2019 to elect the Bishop Co-adjutor (Bishop with succession right) for the diocese.

The Nomination Committee has nominated three candidates (listed in alphabetical order):

*The Very Revd Matthias Der
The Very Revd Samson Fan
The Revd Canon Peter Douglas Koon
The Revd Lysta Leung Shau Shan*

Please pray for the church at this time and for the election process.



A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

Almighty God, in all ages you have raised up faithful servants to lead and guide your holy people and to make known your will among us: increase in us the gifts of discernment and understanding that we might know and do your will as we prepare to elect a bishop for your Church. Look with kindness and gentleness on those who have accepted nomination, and give them a sure trust in your wisdom and love, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and build up your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

Due to the current situation in Hong Kong, and for the safety of all, the following temporary worship schedule for Sunday at St John's Cathedral has been introduced and will continue in the month of November. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.00am	Sung Eucharist
10.30am	Eucharist in Mandarin
11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist/ Choral Mattins
1.15pm	Eucharist in Filipino
3.30pm	Afternoon Service (service format according to rota)
5.00pm	Cathedral closes



Celebration of the 170th Anniversary of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist

on The Feast of Christ the King Sunday 24th November 2019

*A Thanksgiving Eucharist at 4.00pm
at St John's Cathedral*

*followed by a Tea Reception at 5.30pm
in the Cathedral garden.*



CHANGE

The time of the Thanksgiving Eucharist is changed to 4.00pm. The Gala Dinner is changed to Tea Reception at 5.30pm due to the recent situation in Hong Kong. For those who have bought tickets for the Gala Dinner, please contact the Cathedral office for refunds.

Email: reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Tel. 2523 4157/Whatsapp: 9506 2311

A PRAYER FOR HONG KONG

O Saviour Christ, in whose love lies the secret of all life and the hope of all people, we pray for quiet courage to match this hour. We did not choose to be born or live in such an age; but let its problems challenge us, its discoveries exhilarate us, its injustices anger us, its possibilities inspire us and its vigour renew us, for your Kingdom's sake. Amen.



RADIO MINISTRY

• **RTHK4 FM97**

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in November.

The Dean will be speaking on 'Reflections' at **10.56pm** every night from Monday to Friday, 2nd—6th December.

• **RTHK3 AM567**

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Thought for the Week' at 8.25am on Sunday 8th December.

'FAITH BEGINS'
The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!



'Faith Begins' is the course for adult baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral. The next 'Faith Begins' will start in February 2020.

If you wish to join the course, you should have been a regular attender at services at St John's Cathedral for at least 3 months before the course begins, so from early November 2019 - February 2020.

MFMW Charity Walk 2019

The Charity Walk for the MFMW has been postponed to 8th December 2019. For further details please call 2522 8264 or access the MFMW Facebook page.

**Poverty Alleviation
Programmes**



Refugee Lunch
Wednesday 20th November
12.00noon - 2.00pm

*In partnership with
Christian Action's Refugee Centre,
Chung King Mansions, TST*

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunch to 20 - 30 refugees at the Centre.

*To register and/or more information
please contact Fr Mark
rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk*



St Barnabas Society
Saturday 7th December
4.00 - 6.00pm

Volunteers are needed to entertain seniors and homeless at St Barnabas' Centre in Western District and to serve dinner.

*To register and/or more information
please contact Fr Mark
rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk*

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 Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

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.

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