



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.'*

23RD FEBRUARY 2020 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Sunday Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher:	The Revd Amos Poon
Deacon:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	178, 177 (T.112), 264, 494 (T.413)
Anthem:	Here, O my Lord (Percy Whitlock)
Reader:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Intercessor:	The Dean
Voluntary:	Toccata in D minor (Marcel Lanquetuit)

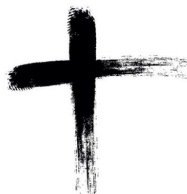
Sunday Eucharist will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please visit the following link before 9.00am this Sunday:

English Service: <https://youtu.be/C808kD58uwQ>

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

Mandarin Service: <https://youtu.be/VpErmUVpLSY>

Tagalog Service: <https://youtu.be/VopEMSWLJgM>



*Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist will be broadcast at
7.30 pm on Wednesday, February 26th at*

<https://youtu.be/qOZw96BOFkY>

Please join us in our worship through the webcast.

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.**

**Worship Services at St John's Cathedral suspended
until 29th February 2020**

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), all worship services (including weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) at St John's Cathedral are suspended from Saturday 15th February to Saturday 29th February. This extraordinary measure is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all. Please consult the Guidelines issued by the House of Bishops of HKSKH for details.

On Sunday 23rd February, the Cathedral will be open from 10.30am to 3.00pm for private prayers. Clergy will be present to provide pastoral support if needed, and also will do a short prayer on the hour.

Sunday Eucharist in English, Mandarin and Tagalog will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please refer to the cover page for details.

The Cathedral will be open at the normal hours during weekdays. The noon day prayer will also be continued during weekdays even though no public services will be held. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

We urge all to pray that the virus outbreak will be contained very soon and that those who have been afflicted will recover speedily. This is a time we lift our trust to God and to extend our care and love for each other in our community. 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.

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

Weekdays and Saturday: 10.30am—4.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am - 3.00pm

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Peter 1.16-end

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17.1-9

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



RADIO MINISTRY

• RTHK4 FM97

The Revd Franklin Lee is speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am on Friday morning, 28th February.

• RTHK3 AM567

The Revd Mark Rogers will be speaking on 'Thought for the Week' at 8.25am on Sunday 1st March.

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; for all who have been affiliated with the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and the Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama.

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 Matthias' Church and the Revd Vincent Chan; for the fellowship and caring ministry; for the nurturing ministry of the parish; for the school ministry in St Matthias' Church Nursery School, St Matthias' Church Chiu Chun Kindergarten, S.K.H. Ling Oi Primary School and SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School.

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:

Philip Yeung, Daniel Lee, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Chen Kuk Tye, Margaret

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Cheng Hang Lo

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.**

CLERGY

The Dean is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Philip Wickeri as the Honorary Chaplain of St John's Cathedral, effective 1st March, 2020. Dr Wickeri is the Advisor to the Archbishop on Theological and Historical Studies and Archivist of the Province and has served extensively in the United States, Taiwan, China and Hong Kong. He is delighted to be back on regular duty at St John's. We welcome him.

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.

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

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.

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