



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.'*

26TH JULY 2020

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: The Addington Service (Richard Shephard)
Hymns: Star-lit heav'n to bounteous mountains,
391, 423ii, 484 (T. 167) (omit *)

25th July Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/bQfMhI163Bo>

26th July Sunday Eucharist and Evening Prayer

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/4Hx-NdxMNNo>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/dPKdV2-iJM>

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style <https://youtu.be/vw-18tJkXao>

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THE DEAN'S LETTER

14th July 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

After a relatively calm period of the outbreak of COVID-19, the pandemic has now encroached on us again with a much bigger threat. Our fear and anxiety have returned. This is the time we need to recall the words of Jesus.

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14.27

While it is imperative that we heighten our health measures, spiritually and emotionally we allow the peace of Christ to dominate our hearts and minds. For the health and safety of all and in compliance with the government's regulations, all Cathedral worship services have been suspended again until further notice. Please join our worship through the webcast services. Please note that all Cathedral gatherings and activities with more than 4 persons are also suspended. However, the Cathedral remains open for private prayers, for devotion and for seeking solace. Please consult our website for the opening hours and webcast service schedule.

In a time like this, do set aside extra time to read the scriptures and to pray. Counting God's blessings every day is also important. It is in Christ we can find hope and the strength needed to persevere. While many feel isolated due to social distancing and many are suffering due to the economic impact, please do make a point to reach out to all those who are lonely, depressed and frustrated. Christ has not left us and we are the agents of hope for many.

As the rapid spread of the virus continues locally and globally, my heart goes out to all those who have become afflicted and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Please join me by praying earnestly for them. May God's special protection also be on all those who put their lives on the line to save and care for the sick and on those working tirelessly to develop a vaccine.

The Cathedral clergy are here to listen and to 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

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 8.26-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither

death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic

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 James' Church, The Revd Lysta Leung and all the staff; for the support to couples, parenting training and family evangelism; for the mission in SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, SKH St James' Primary School, St Christopher's Nursery (Wanchai), St James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Kindergarten and Child Care Centre (Kennedy Road); for the mutual support and cooperation with St James' Settlement & HKSKH Welfare Council.

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 InTouch

Magazine, Christians in Central, HELP For Domestic Workers, Mission For Migrant Workers, Cathedral Bookstore, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

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:

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

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

John McKinven
Gavin C. H. Cooper
Kay Joanne Ko Papanicolaou
Leung Pun-chung
Anna Kim Insu

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

Almighty God, heavenly Father, source of light and life
Heal, we pray, the many hurts of our world with your loving kindness;
Look with mercy on all those suffering from the coronavirus:
The sick and the dying,
The fearful and isolated,
Families, friends and lovers unable to meet,
And all who have lost their jobs, income, or business.
Give light to those in darkness,
Courage to the faint-hearted,
And hope to the despairing,
That we all may know your saving power,
And trust in your unfailing love. Amen.



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.

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

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In Touch, Issue 022	
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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:

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HELP for Domestic Workers
Mission for Migrant Workers
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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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