



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'*

29TH APRIL 2018

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
Reader: Dolores Dayao

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: Br Christopher John SSF
Deacon: The Very Revd Matthias Der
Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Psalm: 22.25-32 (Camidge)
Hymns: **103, 115, 310, Go to the world! (See page 4)**
Anthem: Rise up, my love (Healey Willan)
Readers/Intercessor: Barbara Bispham, William Chan/Andrew Ashley

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Very Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial Order

Celebrant: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Preacher: Br Christopher John SSF
Hymns: **103, 115, 310, 364 (T. 408i)**
Reader/Intercessor: John Breen/William Chan

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm Labyrinth Service (See separate order of service)

Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
Hymns: **393, 357, 416**
Reader: Letty Awingan

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.**

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 29th April	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
	12.30pm	<i>Youth Fellowship Group</i>
MON 30th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 1st May (PH)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
WED 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist (English)
	9.30am	<i>CLARES</i>
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Cantonese)
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Concert with Viol Consort</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 3rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers meeting</i>
FRI 4th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
SAT 5th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	<i>'Deepening our faith through music and liturgy' Workshop</i>
	12.00pm	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 6th May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Outreach Sunday)	
<i>Acts 10.44-end</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 98</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
<i>1 John 5.1-6</i>		Preacher: Outreach Ministries
<i>John 15.9-17</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Very Revd Matthias Der
		Preacher: Outreach Ministries
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
		Preacher: Outreach Ministries
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship
		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
		Preacher: Outreach Ministries
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant: The Revd Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: Outreach Ministries
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
		Preacher: Outreach Ministries



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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires; so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8.26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about

Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22.25-32

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.
29 All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten, and worshipped.
30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.
31 My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.
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

1 John 4.7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 15.1-8

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go to the world!

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ
renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia!

PRAYERS

2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of Christ's
redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time
and space.
Alleluia!
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless
and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's
own way.
Alleluia!
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Alleluia!

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem.

We pray for the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for Paul, our archbishop and primate; and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for Grace Church; the priest-in-charge, the Revd Lam Chun Wai, and the congregation; For the 'Family Ministry'; For the church ministry in the community, especially the ministry for the elderly and for patients who need long-term medical care and concern; For the spiritual formation of each member of the congregation; For the church ministry in school, especially for the evangelistic programmes already run at St Peter's Church Kindergarten (Stanley).

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 for their Priests in Charge. We also remember Cathedral Bookstore, Filipino Fellowship and St John's Counselling Service.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for Bishop John Wilme, his priests and people. We pray for the evangelistic and mission mission work conducted throughout the Diocese.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Tim, Lexie and Toby Nicholls, Richard Teh, Teo Kim Puah, Lawrence Lam, Bp Kenneth Mason, Tang Chi Luen, Donna Elaine Cogan, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Feng Xiao, Gail Willis, Daisy Chan, Nie Shi Fa, Steven Hui Pei Hang, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Lee Tat Keung, Axel Ng, Henry Wu Mou Wai, Elaine Cogan, Simon Li, Kathryn Lewis, Baby Colton, William Ching, Daisy Tai, Marianne Felch, The Revd Anthony Yates, Al Carther, Chen Kuk Tye, Monica Cornelius, Chong Yuk Lau, Lam Lai Fong, Rainer W Rommel, Lok Yee Jeli, Raymond Yuen, Lau Yim Fong, Gardy Raymundo, Margaret Pini, Albert Quimpo, Yau Sau Chun, Victor Chan, Carrie McKinnon, Canon David Dang, Isaac Wiens, Kathryn McCallen, Geoff and Karrie Walsh, Betty Young, Chow Lie Ying, Anthony Chan, Susan Westlake, Christian Limon Gamem, Helen Roberts, Caius Schwartz, Mike Chan, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Tony & Edita Bishop, Mark & Helen Bishop, Chris & David Hayter, Robert & Doris Sandie.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Charles Graeme Large,
Frankie Nicholls, Barbara Gerrard,
Wong Kin Wah (Priest)

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.**

PREACHER

Br Christopher John SSF is a New Zealander and joined SSF at the NZ friary. After a few years at the Hermitage of St Bernardine, Stroud, Australia, he lived for many years in South Korea helping establish Anglican Franciscan life there. He returned to Stroud in 2011, served as minister provincial from 2012 until 2017, and is now minister general (international leader) of the First Order brothers. He recently graduated with a PhD in peace and conflict studies. His interests include spirituality and the Franciscan mission of work for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Br Christopher will bring a team of brothers to Hong Kong for three weeks in October and again in April 2019 for the Anglican Consultative Meeting.

CLERGY

This morning, the Revd Wu Wai Ho is leading the worship and preaching at HKSKH St Philip's Church in Tin Shui Wai, New Territories.

**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

T O D A Y
at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

All those Registered Members who can check their names on the listing posted on the Notice Board in the Porch are encouraged to attend.

Please note that the reports of

1. Annual Church Meeting
2. the Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2017

are available on the Cathedral website:
www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Limited hard copies are available for distribution today.

**Deepening our Faith
through
MUSIC & LITURGY**

**Saturday 5th May 2018
10.00am-12.00pm**

As part of our 'Deepening our Faith' series we invite you to a morning to explore place of music and liturgy in Anglican spirituality.

The workshop will start with coffee at 9.30am and conclude with a Eucharist at 12noon.

Leaders:

Fr Robert Martin,
Coordinator for Liturgy & Worship
Felix Yeung, *Director of Music*

The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, 10th May 2018

7.30pm Sung Eucharist



Celebrant: The Revd Mark Rogers
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild thanks Ms Chu Lai Wa Joanna for her donation towards the cost of flowers in the Cathedral.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

in the Cathedral Library
on Sundays at 12.30pm

Gospel of St John
4.1-42

**CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL
TUESDAY LUNCHEON**

in the Li Hall on 8th May at 1.00pm

The Revd Dr Eric Chee Min Chong will
be speaking on

**‘Early Chinese Nuo Exorcistic
Rites and Communal Well Being.’**

Soup and sandwich lunch will be
provided from 12.45pm. Tickets at \$60
each are now available at the Cathedral
Bookstore. Reservation can also be
made by Tel.: 2523 4157, or email to:
reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

*Dr Eric Chong was ordained Priest of
the Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican). He is
currently Master of St John’s College,
and Assisting Priest in Christ Church,
Kowloon Tong. He also teaches Old
Testament Studies at HKSKH Ming
Hua Theological College, and is
Adjunct Lecturer of Charles Sturt
University for theological degree
programmes in Minghua.*

*Dr Chong received his education and
training in Engineering, Theology and
History of Religions, Anthropology
and Archaeology, and Philosophy and
Comparative Literature. He has been
conducting research and writing, on
Medical Anthropology in in S.E. Asia
and China, seeking to enhance meth-
ods of Western Psychiatry with tradi-
tional Folk medical practices, to help
patients with Dissociative Identity
Disorder. His concurrent research and
advocacy is in the field of sexuality,
gender identity and rights.*

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Saturday 12th May 4.00pm - 6.00pm

**St Barnabas Centre,
Western District**

Volunteers are needed
to entertain seniors & street sleepers
and help serve dinner.

To register or for more information
please contact Fr Mark at
rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

**The Revd Professor John Kater
Lecture Series**

THE BIBLE IN SIX CHAPTERS

Wednesdays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 May 2018

St Paul’s Church Lok Wo Centre
(G/F, 5 Glenealy, directly across the
street from St Paul’s Kindergarten)

We all know that the Bible is a book
composed of hundreds, perhaps thou-
sands, of stories, many of which are
well known to us: Noah’s Ark, David
and Goliath, the Prodigal Son, the
Conversion of Paul. But the Bible is also
ONE story: the story of God’s dealings
with the world through our spiritual
ancestors the Jews, through Jesus and
through the Church that followed him.

This course of open lectures will offer a
way to approach the Bible as one story
written in six ‘chapters’ –BEGINNINGS,
PROMISES, PROPHETS, GOOD
NEWS, SPIRIT AND ENDINGS - and
highlight what each of them tells us
about God.

*Lecture in English
Free of charge; donation preferred*

Enquiry: Miss Nancy Ngan (2521 7708/
2536 7566 / nancy@minghua.org.hk)

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Fellowship & Community Building—The Revd Desmond Cox
Nurturing & Spirituality— The Revd Will Newman
Outreach Ministry —The Revd Mark Rogers
Pastoral Care—The Revd Catherine Graham
Liturgy and Worship—The Revd Robert Martin
Filipino Ministry—The Revd Dwight dela Torre
Chinese Ministry—The Revd Canon Peter Koon
& The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd John Chynchen
The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

Executive Administrator:

Viola Ip

Outreach Ministries:

Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
HELP for Domestic Workers
HIV Education Centre
Mission for Migrant Workers
Prison Ministry
SJC Counselling Centre

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 (中環花園道4-8號)*
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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