



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.'*

4TH OCTOBER 2020

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting: The Salisbury Setting (Ian Hubbard & Nell Cocking)
Hymns: 204 (T.205), 366, 339, Star-lit heav'n to bounteous mountains
Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you (John Rutter)
Voluntary: Lachrymae Pavan (Ferdinando Richardson)
Reader/Intercessor: Tom Bispham/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader/Intercessor: Saki Tsoi/Simon Fong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong (See insert)

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Reader: Mark Tse

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.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21.33-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga.

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 Paul's Church, Macau, The Revd Odette Pun, The Revd Woo Kak Pui and all council members; for the ministry in the Northern District of Macau, the lay leadership training, Bible study groups, reading groups and the life-mentorship programme; for the ministries in SKH Choi Kou Secondary and Primary School (Macau), for all their teachers, staff and students.

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 '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.

Now is the rainy season in Toungoo. 20 families lost their houses in flooding. We pray for them as they seek to rebuild their lives and their homes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Chan Moon
Lam Ho Shun
Kurt Hugentobler

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.**

STRENGTH FOR THIS CHALLENGING TIME

Lord, we pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through his challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

We ask all this in Jesus name.

Amen.



DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTION

‘Daily Gospel Reflection’ is an audio clip distributed to subscribers of St John’s Updates by WhatsApp every weekday. Through these voice messages, our clergy will provide us with spiritual food for personal meditation.

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- add the Cathedral mobile number 9506 2311 to the contact list of your mobile phone
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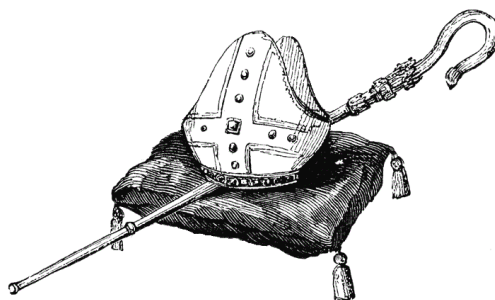
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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS ON LOWER ALBERT ROAD

As works are being carried out at the main entrance of Justice Place, vehicle access via Lower Albert Road to the Cathedral ground is closed until further notice. Pedestrians can still walk through the passageway via Lower Albert Road to enter the Cathedral ground. For those driving into the Cathedral ground, please use the Garden Road main gate.



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate The Rt Revd Matthias Der who was consecrated on 3rd October 2020. We wish him every good wish and blessing in his new role, and we pray for God's blessing upon him and his ministry.

A Grateful Note from Bishop Matthias

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was with great humility and thanksgiving that I was ordained to the Holy Order of Bishops yesterday. It was truly an awesome and humbling experience for me to receive such ministry in the church of God at this time. I regret that due to COVID-19, many of you were unable to attend the consecration service at the cathedral. However, you participated in service through the webcast and I was moved by your love and support. The ministry and people of St John's Cathedral have undoubtedly played an important role in nurturing me over the last 8 years. I thank God for you. I would also like to thank you for the many gifts and good wishes that I have received over the last few weeks. Please continue to pray for me as I prepare for my future ministry that I may always follow the heart of God. God bless you all.

Regards
+ Bishop Matthias

A Prayer for Bishop Matthias

O God, eternal shepherd,
you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.
You have chosen your servant, Matthias,
to be our Bishop-coadjutor and shepherd of your flock.
Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.
By watching over with fidelity those entrusted to his care,
may he build up your Church here in Hong Kong
and as a sign of salvation for the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Cathedral Church

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday	7.00am—6.00pm
Wednesday	7.00am—6.30pm
Thursday	7.00am—6.00pm
Saturday	7.00am—7.30pm
Public Holidays	9.00am—4.00pm

Cathedral Office

Weekdays	9.00am—5.00pm
Weekend	9.00am—12.00noon

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**10.00am to 5.00pm
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on Sunday**

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

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DATES (SATURDAYS) & TIME:
7TH & 14TH NOVEMBER 2020
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Rt 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 Chaplains:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip

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HELP for Domestic Workers
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
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Prison Ministry



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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.

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