



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.'

8TH MARCH 2020 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant:	The Dean
Preacher:	The Revd Robert Martin
Deacon:	The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting:	Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns:	Star-lit heaven to bounteous mountains, 63, 378 (omit v4,5), Blessed assurance
Anthem:	O Saviour of the world (Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley)
Reader:	Adam Mok
Intercessor:	Margaret Sang

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/ bz3okvW5Mo](https://youtu.be/bz3okvW5Mo)

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

Mandarin Service: <https://youtu.be/SBES9XgC74U>

Tagalog Service: <https://youtu.be/x8PkRLRpNDQ>

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St John's Cathedral services suspended until further notice

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and out of love and care for all people, all worship services (including weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) at St John's Cathedral are suspended until further notice. This extraordinary measure, issued by the House of Bishops, is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all. Please consult the Cathedral website for the latest news regarding when the services will be resumed.

Sunday Sung Eucharist in English will be broadcast at 9.00am, Mandarin and Tagalog Said Eucharist will be broadcast at 10.30am through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please refer to the cover page for details and join us at these webcast services.

On Sundays, the Cathedral will be open from 10.30am to 3.00pm for private prayers. Clergy will be present to provide pastoral support. A short prayer will also be said at the hour. The Cathedral will be open at the normal hours during weekdays. The prayer at 1.00pm will continue during weekdays even though no public services will be held. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

As we have entered the holy season of Lent in this very unsettling time, it is important that we humble ourselves before Jesus Christ and allow his love, peace and hope to encourage us. Lent is a time of simplicity and penitence. With heightened spiritual discipline we prepare to walk in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we experience a sense of renewal through the love of Christ in a special way.

Please continue to pray that the virus outbreak will be contained around the world and that those who have been afflicted will be healed soon. We offer our trust to God and extend our care and love for each other in our community. The Cathedral clergy are here to listen and 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
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.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the

dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 3.1-17

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must

the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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; and for all who have been affiliated with the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo and the Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu.

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 Morrison Chapel Macau and the Revd Stephen Durie; for the growth in attendance of both

services at Morrison Chapel and Macau Anglican College Taipa; for the ministry of children, teenagers and young adults, and for faithful gifted leaders of Sunday school and Youth Ministry.

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 Christians in Central, InTouch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, HELP For Domestic Workers, 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:

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

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

This morning, the Revd Franklin Lee is the preacher at St Matthias' Church.

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI CONSECRATION OF BISHOP

The Consecration Service of our Dean, the Very Reverend Matthias Clement Tze-Wo Der to the Holy Order of Bishop will be held at 4.00pm (seated by 3.45pm) on Saturday 23rd May 2020 at St John's Cathedral. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar.

After the consecration, Dean Matthias will serve as the Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and on 1st January he will assume the office of the Diocesan Bishop. The Board of Patronage has met to begin the process of recruiting the next Dean. For the time being, Dean Matthias will remain as the dean of St John's Cathedral until 31st December 2020 or when a new dean arrives, whichever comes first.

Please pray for Dean Matthias and his family and the process of God's calling for the new dean.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

We welcome Evelyn Chan to be our Communications Officer at St John's Cathedral. She comes with an extensive background in journalism, publicity and communications previously working in commercial companies, educational institution and the public sector. Evelyn has been an active member of our church for more than a decade and serves as a leader at EfM and Cursillo. We warmly welcome Evelyn to our staff team. She can be reached at the office or by email to communications@stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

RADIO MINISTRY ON RTHK4 FM97

The Revd Will Newman will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am on Tuesday mornings in March.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY?

While all our public services are suspended due to the virus outbreak, both the cathedral and the office remain open. The clergy have explored creative ways to provide pastoral care and teaching to people through various means. Our outreach ministries continue to serve the needy in our community. Many have asked how they could support the ministry of the cathedral at this difficult time. Please continue to pray for one another and for our church. You may also like to support the church's ministry through On-Line Donation which is easy and fast. Please use the link below or the QR code for it.



[https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/
Donation/default.aspx?lang=1](https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1)

We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

DONATION OF MASKS

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many, we have received more than 7000 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.

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

Weekdays and Saturday:

10.30am—4.30pm

Sunday:

10.30am - 3.00pm

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 Chaplains:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

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: _____

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