



# 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.'*

## 19TH JULY 2020 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### 9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon  
Preacher: The Dean  
Communion Setting: The Addington Service (Richard Shephard)  
Hymns: 259 (omit V2), 140, 369, Thy kingdom of God  
is justice and joy

### 18<sup>th</sup> July Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) [https://youtu.be/OyP\\_mbWLvtk](https://youtu.be/OyP_mbWLvtk)

### 19<sup>th</sup> July Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/Q72XCt9EFzc>

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

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/grJcfO9w99w>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/xHR8AWatbhQ>

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## THE DEAN'S LETTER

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14<sup>th</sup> 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 will be suspended again until further notice effective 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Please join our worship through the webcast services. Please note that all Cathedral gatherings and activities with more than 4 persons are also suspended.

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

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### COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 8.12-25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43**

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 may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned,’ but gather the wheat into my barn.’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**In the worldwide Anglican**

**Communion** we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines

**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 Philip's Church;**

for The Revd Cindy Kwok and her staff and all church members; for the youth, adult, elderly, women and family ministries of the church's Pastoral Centre; may God guide their evangelistic and pastoral caring work in Tin Shui Wai; for the environmental education initiated by the church; for Sunday School, and youth and adult nurturing programmes; for the church overseas mission.

**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 our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

**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, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Jeshu Yau, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Margaret Pini, John David, Jake Pitts, Leslie Henderson, David Holme, Catherine Chan, Anthony Chan, Mike Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, John McKinven, John Butcher, Chen Kuk Tye, Timothy Moreno, Raymond Yuen, Geoff Walsh, Luke Inkin, Elaine Cogan, Donna Gail Willis, Christina Chan, Monica Cornelius, Janice Currie, Meena Tsui, John McIntosh, Phyllis Schmitz and Susan Westlake.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Ng Ho Fai, Gavin C. H. Cooper  
Kay Joanne Ko Papanicolaou  
Leung Pun-chung

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.**

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**Happy Reading!**

### 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.



### CLERGY

This morning, The Revd Franklin Lee is preaching at HKSKH Holy Nativity Church.

### 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 following Bookstore opening hours will be effective from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 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
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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:

Mrs Viola Ip

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SJC Counselling Service  
HELP for Domestic Workers  
Mission for Migrant Workers  
SJC Life Enrichment Centre  
Cathedral Bookstore  
CLARES/Castaways  
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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.*

*Other questions / information:* \_\_\_\_\_

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