



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.'*

10TH JANUARY 2021
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: When Jesus came to Jordan, When Jesus comes
to be baptized, 55 (vv1,4,5), 470 (omit vv3,7)

St John's Cathedral services will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please join us.

9th January Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/1levEWRHaZk>

10th January Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/LeFzyq9UFWA>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/YUxHyZ51UoA>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/TtH-LndL5Ko>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/fGsSxss05q8>

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COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 **Genesis 1.1-5**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Acts 19.1-7**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his

hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—together there were about twelve of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING **Mark 1.4-11**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

We pray for the Church of St John the Baptist and The Revd Simon Tang; for the development of spiritual life through the newly built spiritual garden and rooms; for the school and social service ministries in the parish; for the financial challenges faced by the church.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Acting 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 our Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; pray for Bishop Saw Sheesho and for the work of the different departments of Toungoo Diocese, our partner diocese in Myanmar: the Men's Association, Mothers' Union, Anglican Young People's Association, Christian Education, Mission & Evangelism (Development Desk), and Communications Department.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Daisy Burton, Lianne Ng, Tia McPhee, Flora Cheung, Audrey Bullock, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Priscilla Wong and her parents, The Revd Matthew Khu Thay, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Liew Kam Lin, Michael Chang, Caius Ng, Tai Choi Yeng, Gerald Chang, Christine Lee Yuk Fung, Peter Lau, Yvonne Fong, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Francesca Lorenzi, CJ Verdejo, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Tai Yu Hei, Kathryn Lewis, Margaret Pini, Bruce McPhee, Daniel Lee, Lene Bille Hoegh, Robert Chan, Raymond Yuen, Michael Banyard, Tounng Ming, John Charman, Richard Jones, Jeshu Yau, Christina Poon, Luke Inkin, Tiew Siew Lee, Cath Dalton, John David, Catherine Chan, Leung Siu Tim, John Banigan, Christina Chan, Donna Gail Willis, Daisy Tai, Susan Westlake, Tsui Man Fong, John Butcher, Jake Pitts, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Wong Lai King, Geoff Walsh, Monica Cornelius, Chong Yuk Lau, Anthony Chan, Evelina Mathias, Leslie Henderson, Meena Tsui, David Holme, Jane Cooper, Heather Little, and Elaine Cogan.

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Roberta Yule Owen
Choi Hui Ching Wah, Grace

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**.

ACTING DEAN

From 1st January to 30th April 2021, The Revd Mark Rogers is the Acting Dean of St John's Cathedral. He can be contacted on the Cathedral Office telephone number 2523 4157 and via email at rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

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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.

A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, please give me...
A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;
An understanding heart;
A sense of humour;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these things,
With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

- Author Unknown

THANK YOU

Thank you to the staff and clergy for the hard work over the Christmas and New Year.

The cathedral looked magnificent, with the Christmas wreaths decorating the pillars and ornate flowers adorning the reredos behind the High Altar, and with the crib and Christmas tree filling the church with Christmas joy.

Our online worship services reached thousands (the Midnight Mass has nearly 6000 views), a testimony to the excellence of our music and cathedral liturgy.

Although our worship is online, and all visitors must observe the social distancing guidelines, our cathedral continues to be a haven of prayer and peace in our busy city for hundreds of people and a centre for outreach and care in challenging times.

Fr Mark
Acting Dean

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Acting Dean and Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church:

The Revd Mark Rogers

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Community Building — The Revd Franklin Lee

Outreach — The Revd Will Newman

Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

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 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

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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 /
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Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.*

Other questions / information: _____

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