



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.'*

16TH MAY 2021 THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (UNITY SUNDAY)

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: James Choo

9.00am Sung Eucharist (RTHK Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Maggie Mathieson
Pastor, Kowloon Union Church
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 332 (omit*), 480 (T.161), 302, 388i
Anthem: Let all the world (Ralph Vaughan Williams)
Voluntary: Grand Dialogue à 4 chœurs, *from Suite du Troisième
Ton, from Second Livre d'Orgue* (Jacques Boyvin)
Reader/Intercessor: Martin Hills/Simon Fong

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean
Reader/Intercessor: Letty Awingan/Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino and English)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Andrew Ashley

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 17th May	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group (suspended)</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 18th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (ZOOM)</i>
WED 19th (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
THU 20th	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers (suspended)</i>
FRI 21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (ZOOM)</i>
SAT 22nd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 23rd May <i>Acts 2.1-21</i> <i>Psalm 104, 26-36, 37b</i> <i>Romans 8.22-27</i> <i>John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15</i>	The Day of Pentecost	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant: The Revd Mark Rogers Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

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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 AND READINGS

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 17.6-19

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for The Most Revd Andrew Chan, our archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan bishop Matthias, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for St Stephen's Church, Macau and The Revd Simon Fan; for the ministry of young families and missions of the church; for the ministry in Macau Anglican College; for the youth ministry of the church.

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 their Priests in Charge. We also remember Christians in Central, InTouch Magazine, Mission For Migrant Workers, Cathedral Bookstore, HELP For Domestic Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Sanson Lau, Richard Mills-Owens, Val Rice, Tommy Hui, Wanda Clay, John David, Kathy Leung, Analiza Tobias, Averil Ashley, Rebecca Crawford, Alona Bagyaos, George Fong, Catherine Chan, Priscilla Wong and her mother, Audrey Bullock, Judy Holding, Emily Moore, Michael Chang, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law,

Doris Hernandez, San Miguel, Shirley Nie, Nie Shi Fa, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Tai Choi Yeng, Luke Inkin, The Revd Matthew Khu Thay, Karen Szeto, Liew Kam Lin, Toung Ming, Kathryn Lewis, Tia McPhee, Gerald Chang, Peter Lau, Meena Tsui, Lene Bille Hoegh, Tiew Siew Lee, Kit Packet, CJ Verdejo, Tsui Man Fong, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Jake Pitts, Bruce McPhee, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Francesca Lorenzi, Jane Cooper, Yvonne Fong, Margaret Pini, Lianne Ng, Donna Gail Willis, Heather Little, John Charman, Chong Yuk Lau, Richard Jones, Jeshu Yau, Raymond Yuen, Christina Poon, John Butcher, Wong Lai King, Geoff Walsh, Christina Leong, John Banigan, Susan Westlake, Anthony Chan, David Holme, Leslie Henderson, Evelena Mathias, Monica Cornelius and Elaine Cogan.

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Wu Yuan Feng

In memoriam:
Godofreda Taasin Ursua

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.**

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Make known in us, O Lord,
the abundance of your mercy
and, in the power of your Spirit,
remove the divisions between Christians,
that your Church may appear more clearly
as a sign raised high among the nations
and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit,
may believe in the Christ whom you have sent.
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



-Roman Breviary

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Every year the Church calendar includes 'Unity Week', when we create ways to overcome the divisions between different branches of the Church. This morning we welcome The Revd Maggie Mathieson, Pastor of Kowloon Union Church, as our Preacher at the 9.00am service. On Tuesday 18th May at 8.00pm you are very welcome to join the English-language Unity Service, held this year at St Francis Xavier Church, 58 Shek Kip Mei Street (MTR Shek Kip Mei, Exit A). The Preacher will be The Revd Will Newman.



A PRAYER FOR THE NATION AND PEOPLE OF MYANMAR

Lord of the heavens and the earth,
we give you thanks and praise for the rising from the dead of your Son Jesus
Christ and for the never-ending love
he offers us all.

Grant, we pray, resurrection life to the nation and people of Myanmar, that
sadness may turn into joy,
aggression into amity, despair into hope, and anxiety into calm, that the peo-
ple may be reconciled.

This we ask in the Name of the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit One God, now and for ever. Amen.

-Anglican Communion

THANKSGIVING CEREMONY OF SJC VIRTUAL WALKATHON

The Thanksgiving Ceremony of Virtual Walkathon is scheduled for today, 16th May 2021.

The Walkathon, being one of the most popular activities of the Michaelmas Fair, would be held virtually this year in view of the pandemic. Graced by The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan, Dean of St John's Cathedral; Mrs June Li, Patron of Michaelmas Fair; and Dr Joseph Chan, Guest of Honour, the event aims to pay tribute to all parties involved.



THE YOUTH MINISTRY IS AMONG US!

St John's Cathedral is going to launch a youth group 'Among Us'. Teenagers of 17-25 years old are invited to join.

The group will meet every Friday evening from 8.00-10.00pm.

Please contact Fr Amos Poon or Ms Vanice Chan for more details.
Tel. 2523 4157



PARISH DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF THE DIOCESE OF HONG KONG ISLAND Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

As an initiative introduced by Bishop Matthias Der, the Diocese of Hong Kong Island would set up a Parish Development Grant for funding the new project of ministry to be carried out by parishes and mission churches. The Grant would support the churches to be engaged in the following mission priorities of the Diocese:

- *Enabling people to discern and respond to God's calling in faith*
- *Walking with people in love and caring for people in need*
- *Inspiring hope and instilling peace*

The maximum amount of grant available for each application is HK\$200,000 for a project period of not more than 18 months. The deadline of application will be 30th June 2022.

SJC BOOKSTORE

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 Sunday & Public Holiday 10.00am – 2.00pm

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WAYS IN PRAYER - ANGLICAN PRAYER BEADS

Since the earliest of times, people have used pebbles or a string of knots or beads on a cord to keep track of prayers offered to God. Virtually every major religious tradition in the world uses some form of prayer beads.

Anglican Prayer Beads are a relatively new form of prayer, blending the Orthodox Jesus Prayer Rope and the Roman Catholic Rosary. The thirty-three bead design was created by and Episcopal priest, the Rev. Lynn Bauman, in the mid-1980s, through the prayerful exploration and discovery of a contemplative prayer group.

The use of the rosary or prayer beads helps to bring us into contemplative of meditative prayer—really thinking about and being mindful of praying, of being in the presence of God—by use of mind, body, and spirit. The touching of the fingers on each successive bead is an aid in keeping our mind from wandering, and the rhythm of the prayers leads us more readily into stillness.

Symbolism of the Beads

The configuration of the Anglican Prayer Beads relate contemplative prayer using the Rosary to many levels of traditional Christian symbolism. Contemplative prayer is enriched by these symbols whose purpose is always to focus and concentrate attention, allowing the one who prays to move more swiftly into the Presence of God.



The prayer beads are made up of twenty-eight beads divided into four groups of seven called weeks. In the Judeo-Christian tradition the number seven represents spiritual perfection and completion. Between each week is a single bead, called a cruciform bead as the four beads form a cross. The invitational bead between the cross and the wheel of beads brings the total to thirty-three, the number of years in Jesus' earthly life. There are a variety of sets of devotional prayers that can be used with the beads.

Where to get prayer beads

You will find a selection of prayer beads in different styles, and literature on how to use them, in our Cathedral Bookstore.

(Adapted from an article by King of Peace Episcopal Church, Kingsland, Georgia)

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry –

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

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

Filipino Ministry –

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality – The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Mission and Ministry – The Revd Amos Poon

Outreach – The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip, Mr Thomas Li

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



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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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