



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.'*

20TH DECEMBER 2020
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Hymns: Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
161 (T.385), 185, 188 (omit*)

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

19th December Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) https://youtu.be/ojCfAzMf_TQ

20th December Sunday Eucharist and Nine Lessons and Carols

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/bZzpPs2Gbqw>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) https://youtu.be/76W_4wkftFU

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/g5HTLxg4Ygk>

5.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols <https://youtu.be/UM5CrnLKvUw>

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COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our savior, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Romans 16.25-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! **Amen.**

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1.26-38

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and

will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised savior: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Happy Reading!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

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 the Missionary Area of Macau, for the Bishop of the Missionary Area, the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong and all clergy; for the ordained ministry and the training of lay leaders; for the mission, nurture and the development of the Youth Ministry and Women Ministry in the Missionary Area of Macau.

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 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; pray for The Rt Revd Saw Sheesho, Bishop of Toungoo, for the diocesan office staff, community health workers, traditional birth attendants, and catechists, working in the remote Anglican villages in the diocese.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Chang Kwai Ping
Lee Siu Ping Eva
Eng Wai Man

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**.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ARCHBISHOP PAUL KWONG

The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, the Archbishop and Primate of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, shall retire on 2nd January 2021. The Thanksgiving Service on the Occasion of Retirement of Archbishop Paul Kwong will be held on the First Sunday of Christmas, 27th December 2020, at 4.00pm at the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist.

Due to the COVID epidemic and the government's restriction on social gathering, all the faithful are requested to participate in the Service online via the provincial website to offer our praise to God for Archbishop Paul Kwong's ministry and contributions.

Provincial website: *www.hkskh.org*

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE

The Installation Service of Archbishop and Primate of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui will take place on Second Sunday of Christmas, 3rd January 2021 at 4.00pm at the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's restriction on social gathering, the installation service shall be attended only by those on the service rota. The Standing Committee of the General Synod cordially requests all clergy and the faithful to participate in the Service online via the website of the Provincial Office. Please pray for Archbishop-Elect Andrew Chan and his family.

Please find the attached pew sheet notice for your information. Thank you for your attention.

Provincial website: *www.hkskh.org*

THANK YOU

27th December 2020 will be the last Sunday for Bishop Matthias to serve as Dean of St John's Cathedral. The 9.00am service will be the Thanksgiving Eucharist for his ministry, and the Dean will be the preacher at that service. From January 2021, Bishop Matthias will succeed Archbishop Paul as the Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. As we give thanks for his eight years of service here at St John's, we continue to offer our prayers for his episcopal ministry.



ENTHRONEMENT OF THE RT REVD MATTHIAS CLEMENT TZE-WO DER

The Enthronement of The Right Reverend Matthias Clement Tze-wo Der as the Third Bishop of The Diocese of Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, will be held on the Feast of St Basil the Great & St Gregory of Nazianzus, 2nd January 2021 at 10.30 am at the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist.

Due to the COVID epidemic and the government's restriction on social gathering, the Enthronement Service shall be attended only by those on the service rota. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island cordially requests all the faithful to participate in the Service online via the website of the Diocese. Please pray for Bishop Matthias Der and his family.

Diocesan website: dhk.hkskh.org

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do
and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Fr Henri J.M. Nouwen





CHRISTMAS WEBCAST SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S



24th December Thursday Christmas Eve

3.30pm A Simple Online Christingle

*You are invited to our Simple Online Christingle on Christmas Eve.
If you would like to make a simple Christingle at home you will need the items below.*

- 1 orange
- 1 small candle (a birthday cake candle will be fine)
- enough red ribbon or tape to go round an orange.
- 4 cocktail sticks
- A few sweets or some dried fruit such as raisins or sultanas



We hope that you will join us

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity
<https://youtu.be/HMHW74uxwxQ>



25th December Friday Christmas Day

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) https://youtu.be/4y3DA747d_U

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/jkAvP3nuFXc>

1.30pm Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/pbVA9VMVVICI>

The Cathedral is closely monitoring the pandemic situation. Please visit our website for the latest updates about service arrangements.

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— add the Cathedral mobile number **9506 2311** to the contact list of your mobile phone

— send a message of '**subscribe to St John's Updates**' to the number via WhatsApp or SMS

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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 Chaplain:

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
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.

Other questions / information: _____

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