



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.'*

27TH DECEMBER 2020 ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der

Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)

Hymns: 33 (omit *), 24 (omit *), 202, Joy to the world

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

26th December Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)
<https://youtu.be/NPWAL4XDSnY>

27th December Sunday Eucharist and Thanksgiving Evensong

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

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)
<https://youtu.be/BkaM5ZnLpl8>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)
<https://youtu.be/58YgTRSxnNM>

4.00pm Thanksgiving Evensong for Archbishop Paul Kwong
<https://youtu.be/cPAvO6tDyPg>

31st December 2020 Thursday New Year's Eve

11.15pm Watchnight Eucharist <https://youtu.be/s-Ffibt74MY>

COLLECT

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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

Exodus 33.7-11

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 1

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 21.19b-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus said to Peter, ‘Follow me.’

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’ So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what

is that to you?’

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement; for His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; for Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; for The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

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 Stephen's Church, The Revd Ip Kam Fai, The Revd Canon Ian Lam and The Revd Lorraine Choi; for the parish's evangelical activities and pastoral care in all SKH kindergartens, primary and secondary schools; for the social caring ministry; for the parent ministry and the nurture programme; for Vineyard of the Deanery

Of Southern and Western Districts, its mission and service programme in schools.

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; 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

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

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

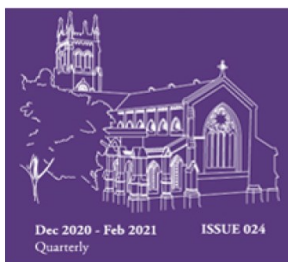
Please pray for the recently departed:

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**.

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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 St John's Cathedral.

Due to the COVID-19 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: <https://youtu.be/cPAvO6tDyPg>

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF THE MOST REVD ANDREW CHAN AS 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 St John's Cathedral.

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

Today is the last Sunday for Bishop Matthias to serve as Dean of St John's Cathedral. The 9.00am service is the Thanksgiving Eucharist for his ministry, and the Dean is 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 offer our prayers for his episcopal ministry.



ENTHRONEMENT OF THE RT REVD MATTHIAS CLEMENT TZE-WO DER

The Enthronement of The Rt Revd 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-19 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

ACTING DEAN

From 1st January to 30th April 2021, The Revd Mark Rogers will serve as 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.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father,
in a world where anxiety, not peace, reigns,
fill our hearts once again with the good news of Christmas.
Never have we needed your joy and peace more than now.
Forgive us for forgetting—that your love never changes,
and that you came to save us and give us life in all its fulness.
May the joy of this season give us hope in the days to come,
and may we always be thankful for the gift of Jesus,
our Emmanuel, God with us.
We ask all this in his name. Amen.

Fr Robert Martin
Company of Mission Priests

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

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/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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