



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.'*

## 31ST JANUARY 2021 CANDLEMAS SUNDAY

### 9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers  
Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)  
Hymns: 234ii, 44, 157, 500

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

### 30th January Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/FtfjJT23Le4>

### 31st January Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/XbCeyqoeOh4>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/g9WSUoI6dbk>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/veSk13c8xSs>

5.00pm Choral Evensong [https://youtu.be/PSn5q\\_p4aGE](https://youtu.be/PSn5q_p4aGE)

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**COLLECT**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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**  
**Malachi 3.1-5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**  
**Hebrews 2.14-end**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**  
**Luke 2.22-40**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that

he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

#### **In the worldwide Anglican**

**Communion** we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; for The Most Revd Nandal Alves Gomes, their Presiding Bishop.

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

**We pray for St Timothy's Church**, for The Revd Christine Ho, the staff, congregation and their mission partners (including SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, SKH Chi Fu Chi Nam Primary School, SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School, St Paul's College Primary School, YWCA Cheng Pon Hing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly and Hong Kong Christian Service Wah Hong Home for the Elderly). May God grant the parishioners passionate hearts and be thirsty for God's Word. May the Holy Spirit strengthen their spiritual lives so that they can follow the footsteps of Christ to serve the people; for the various needs of the church after inauguration as a parish. May God renew and revive the church to be salt and light in the Southern District of HK Island.

**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 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

**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: the Men's Association, Mothers' Union, Anglican Young People's Association, Christian Education, Mission & Evangelism (Development Desk), and Communications Department.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Fung Chai, Karen Szeto, George Fong, Lianne Ng, Emily Moore, Priscilla Wong and her parents, Daisy Burton, Christine Lee Yuk Fung, Tia McPhee, Flora Cheung, Liew Kam Lin, Peter Lau, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Audrey Bullock, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Caius Ng, CJ Verdejo, Michael Chang, The Revd Matthew Khu Thay, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Kathryn Lewis, Francesca Lorenzi, Gerald Chang, Yvonne Fong, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Jesher Yau, Lene Bille Hoegh, Bruce McPhee, Margaret Pini, Christina Poon, Robert Chan, Christina Chan, Tai Choi Yeng, Tai Yu Hei, Michael Banyard, John Charman, Raymond Yuen, Daisy Tai, Cath Dalton, Toung Ming, Richard Jones, Luke Inkin, Tiew Siew Lee, Catherine Chan, John David, Donna Gail Willis, John Banigan, Jake Pitts, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Leung Siu Tim, Susan Westlake, Tsui Man Fong, Anthony Chan, John Butcher, Wong Lai King,

Geoff Walsh, Heather Little, Monica Cornelius, Jane Cooper, Chong Yuk Lau, Evelena Mathias, David Holme, Leslie Henderson, Meena Tsui, and Elaine Cogan.

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Ho Sau To, Siti Alifah

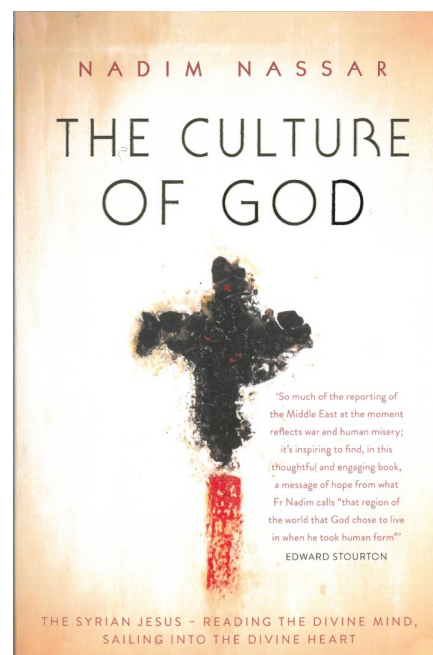
Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**

Lent Book 2021  
is now available in the Bookstore

### *The Culture of God* by Nadim Nassar

No. 9781473671546  
HK\$189

Special Price  
for Lent Course Participants  
at HK\$170





## LENT 2021

This year 2021, the Province of HKSKH encourages all parishes and missionary churches to study together in Lent with the book 'The Culture of God' which is written by The Revd Nadim Nassar. Join one of our Lent courses on zoom. Let us journey spiritually together this Lent. (Course material is available at the Cathedral Bookstore.)

### **Lent Groups on Zoom**

*Monday 7.30pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Robert Martin

*Tuesday 7.00pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Franklin Lee

*Tuesday 8.00pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Mark Rogers

*Wednesday 2.30pm (Cantonese)*  
led by The Revd Amos Poon

*Wednesday 8.00pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Will Newman

*Friday 3.00pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Franklin Lee

*Friday 8.00pm (English)*  
led by The Revd Franklin Lee

*Sunday 3.00pm (Filipino)*  
led by The Revd Sharon Langbis

For registration, please call Elisa on 2523 4157  
or email [deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)



### STAY CONNECTED WITH ST JOHN'S ON MOBILE

In view of the need for more effective communication with our congregation, the Cathedral has a communication channel '**St John's Updates**' for disseminating notices in a timely manner.

This channel keeps us updated with 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
- send a message of '**subscribe to St John's Updates**' to the number via WhatsApp or SMS

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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.

### HOURLY SUNDAY PRAYERS

In compliance to the government's guidelines for the control of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hourly prayers on Sunday are suspended until further notice. The prayers, however, are available by scanning the QR code which is available on each pew. Please listen to these prayers using your headsets.

### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



To welcome the coming of the Year of the Ox,  
all Chinese New Year's gift items  
are on sale with 10% discount  
from now till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **IN A TIME OF COVID AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Let us pray for an end to the  
waste and desecration of God's creation.  
for access to the fruits of creation  
to be shared equally among all people  
and for communities and nations to find sustenance  
in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Almighty God,  
you created the world and gave it into our care  
so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people:  
inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom,  
and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all;  
that, trusting in your bounty,

all people may be empowered to seek freedom  
from poverty, famine, and oppression.  
We ask all this in Jesus name.  
Amen.



## ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

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

The Revd Mark Rogers

### 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*)

Community Building — The Revd Franklin Lee

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

### 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



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and its ministries can be found on the  
notice boards and on the website:  
[www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://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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