



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.'*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY) 30TH MARCH 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/g9do4PE9ogU>)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)
Hymns: 90, 106, 282, 378i
Anthem: Mother of God, here I stand (John Tavener)
Voluntary: Stabat Mater (Giovanni Battista Pergolesi)
Readers: Thomas Swain, Mary Szeto
Intercessor: Julianne Doe

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)


Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Celtic Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: T Y Wong

*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.***

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 31st March	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
TUE 1st April	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist	
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>	
WED 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist	
THU 3rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist	
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>	
	8.30pm	<i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>	
FRI 4th (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.15pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays in Lent	
SAT 5th	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Filipino</i>)	
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>	
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)	
SUN 6th April <i>Isaiah 43.16-21</i> <i>Psalms 126</i> <i>Philippians 3.4b-14</i> <i>John 12.1-8</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Prof John Kater
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)	Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)	Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal: 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

1 Samuel 1.20-end

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 19.25b-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We also pray for the Church of The Holy Word; for the Revd Richard Tsang, the Vicar; the Revd Mark Tang, the Honorary Priest, and their family members; For members of the Parish Vestry, volunteers and office staff; For the congregation stewardship, their contribution of talent, time, and financial resources for church growth and development; for the support of the parish's financial need; For the youth and parent ministry of the church and schools, including S.K.H. Kei Hau Secondary School, S.K.H. Lee Shiu Keung Primary School, S.K.H. Tak Tin Lee Shiu Keung Primary School, and the Kindly Light Church Holy Carpenter Kindergarten in Lam Tin District; For the following fellowships set up by the church and supported by the school for the youth ministry of the students of S.K.H. Kei Hau Secondary School: the 199th Company of the Boys' Brigade Hong Kong (BBHK), G.I.L. Fellowship (God is Love), and A.C.T.S. Fellowship (Adventure, Character, Temperance, Sculpt); For the ministry of the HKSKH Home of Loving Care for the Elderly

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 in our prayers our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, where the diocese is providing food, shelter, medicine, and basic education for several thousand villagers displaced by the civil war. We give thanks for the funds donated in our Advent Appeal for Toungoo, and we pray for Bishop Saw Sheesho and all the people of the diocese as they serve those in great need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Lai Sau Yuk, Ma Sau Yuen, Nicole Tanjoco, Irena Wu, Teresa Ray Li, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Cheung Chik Wan, Jane Pang Tong, Fung Wan Nui, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Pope Francis, Toung Ming, Joseph Chu, Eva Sorrel, Caitlin Berry, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sister Jean Mary, Wanda Wan H, Alan Irvine, Sanson Lau, Daisy Tai, Annabella Janssen, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Lucita Villareal, Li Chunjuan, Arturo Lamshing, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Sarah Wong and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:

John Neville Hugh Murray
Teresa Wong Yau Sut

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: 2523 4157.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

For almost 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We give thanks for the cease fire in Gaza, and pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS in the Li Hall after 9.00am service



Please come and enjoy coffee and cake after the 9.00am service to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Appreciation and thanks to the Sunday School mothers for making TWELVE cakes!

FLOWERS

The flower pedestal in church today is donated in thanksgiving of the new born grandson of Mr and Mrs David Tse, Dante Paolo Salciccioli.

Solemn Liturgy For the Blessing of Oils on Maundy Thursday & The Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy

The Provincial occasion of the Solemn Liturgy for the Blessing of Oils & the Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy will be held on Maundy Thursday, 17th April 2025 at 9.30am at St John's Cathedral. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, Primate of the Province, will bless the three particular oils – of Catechumens, of the Sick, and of Chrism in the Eucharist. All provincial clergy will make renewal of their commitments to priestly service. The Revd Prof. Martyn Percy will preach in the service. All are welcome.

LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Lent Course follows the daily gospel readings by the cathedral clergy. Read the book, or listen in by joining the cathedral WhatsApp.

COURSES

Tuesdays

11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st, 8th, 15th April

12.30-1.30pm (*English*) in the Upper Room

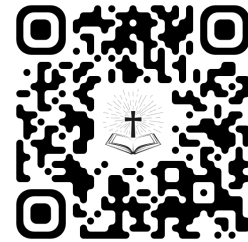
11th, 18th March, 1st, 8th, 15th April

7.00pm (*English BRF*) in the Conference Room

Saturdays

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March, 5th, 12th, 19th April

3.00pm (*Pilipino*) Fanny Li Hall/Conference Room



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for
2025 Lenten Reflections



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2025 AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL & OUR DAUGHTER CHURCHES

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NOTICES

CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN FOR APPLICATION

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website.

Deadline for application:
Monday, 7th April 2025

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral Office for further details.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025 *JOY IN EVERY BITE*

Experience a heartwarming family and friends gathering with a special dumpling-making class led by Natalie Law. Let's make dumplings from scratch and create joyful memories together!

Date: 26th April (Saturday)

Time: 3.00 - 5.00pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Donation:

\$300 for individual /

\$1,000 for group of 4

with a dumpling-making gift set

*All proceeds will go towards
supporting various ministries of
St John's Cathedral*

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp +852 5107 7170. First come first serve.

Poverty Alleviation EASTER PARTY WITH THE ELDERLY

Join Us for a Joyful Easter Celebration *with seniors from the Western District*.

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to celebrate Easter with our senior friends from the Western District. Enjoy a day with them through making Easter Chocolate Eggs and Origami Bunnies, singing festive songs, culminating in a delightful afternoon tea with our senior friends!

Date: 26th April 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 12.30pm - 4.00pm

Venue: SKH Western District Elderly Community Centre

If you're excited to join us, please enrol using the QR code. Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

If you have any questions, please contact Caius Ng at caiusng@hotmail.com.



NOTICE



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Li Hall on Sunday the 27th April 2025, at 1.00p.m. for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
 - (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
 - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
 - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.



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The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Dean

14th March 2025

~ ~ Nomination Forms for Trustees and Council members 2025-2026
are available at the Cathedral office. ~ ~

NOTICE


NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 175 years, St John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday 27th April 2025, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by Monday 17th March 2025 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website or collect from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by Sunday 6th April 2025 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2025. Any inquiries may be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.


Mr Martin Matsui
The Honorary Secretary
14th March 2025

