



St. Augustine's Chapel

A Daughter Church of Holy Trinity Cathedral

Diocese of Eastern Kowloon

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI (ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL)



The Feast of Saint John, the Apostle and Evangelist
(white/gold)

Sung Eucharist

Sunday, 28th December, 2025

10:30am

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THE PREPARATION

Preludes

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Opening Sentence

STAND

Celebrant For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God of God, light of light,
 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 fain we em - brace thee, with awe and love;
 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;

Come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels:
 Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
 We too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps:
 Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est:

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

The Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Purity

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Confession

Celebrant As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ-child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

A time of silence and self-examination is kept.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us;
forgive what we have been,
amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All

Moderato (♩ = 76) KYRIE

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Absolution

Celebrant May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
✠ forgive you your sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The celebrant sprinkles the crib and the congregation with holy water during the singing of the Gloria.

All

GLORIA

Margaret Rizza

Con moto ($\text{♩} = 60$)

Men **Women**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to God on high; and peace, peace to his peo-ple,

peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-est and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer, re-ceive our prayer. For

you a-lone are the ho-ly one, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

you a-lone are the Lord, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly

Spi-rit, in the glo-ry, the glo-ry, the glo-ry of the Fa-ther.

A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

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Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading (*Exodus 33:7-11a*)

SIT

Lector The first reading is taken from the Book of Exodus, in the 33rd chapter, beginning at the 7th verse.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 117)**STAND***The choir sings the response, then all repeat and sing the Response [R] as indicated.**v. 1 Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all you na-tions.**1 O praise the Lord, all you nations;
praise him, all you peoples. [R]**2 For great is his steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Alleluia. [R]***All****Second Reading** (1 John 1)**SIT***Lector* The second reading is taken from the Epistle to Hebrews, in the 1st chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

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.

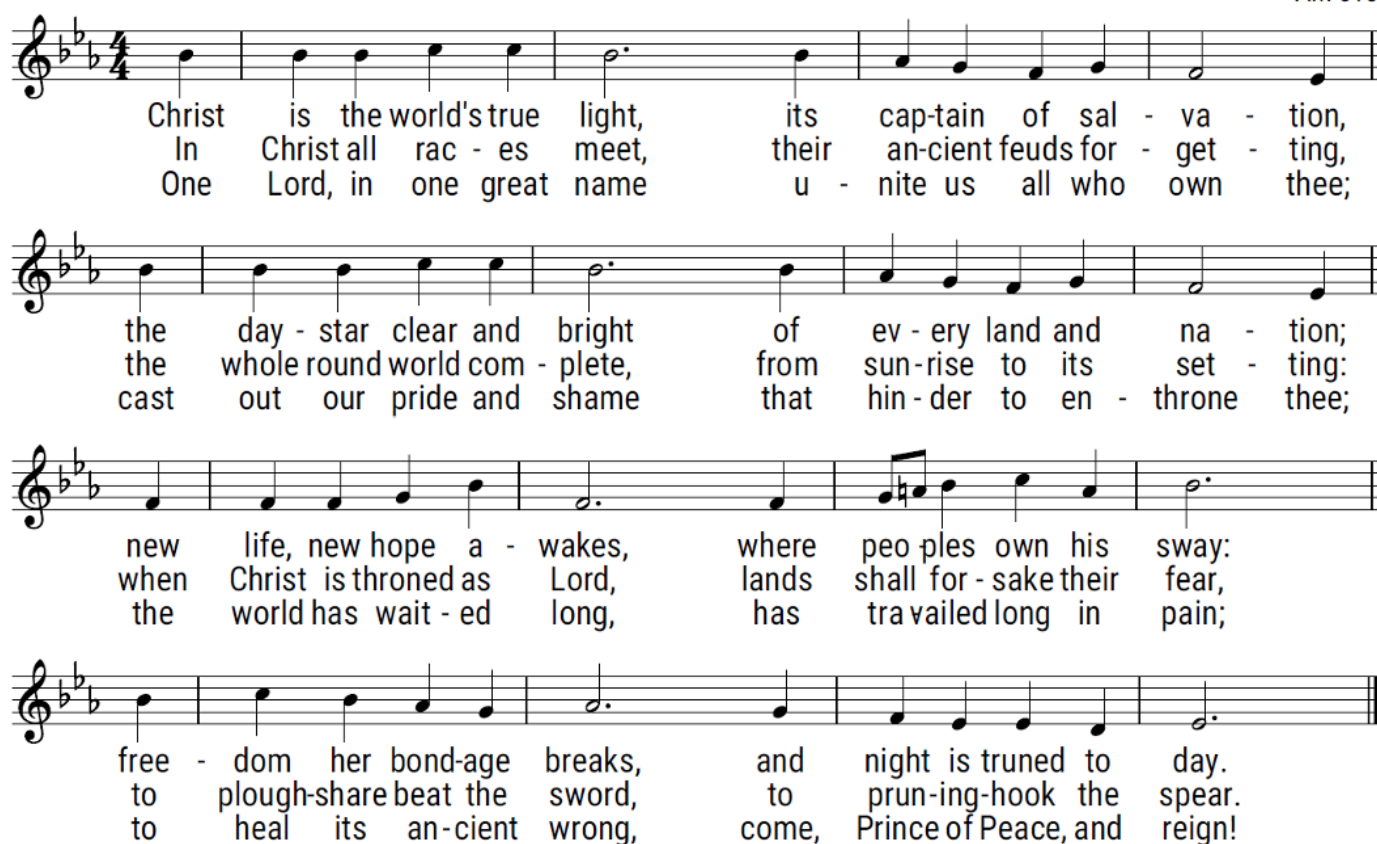
This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

STAND

AM 610



Christ is the world's true light, its cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
One Lord, in one great name u - nite us all who own thee;

the day - star clear and bright of ev - every land and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, where peo ples own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord, lands shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond-age breaks, and night is truned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun-ing-hook the spear.
to heal its an-cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

The Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

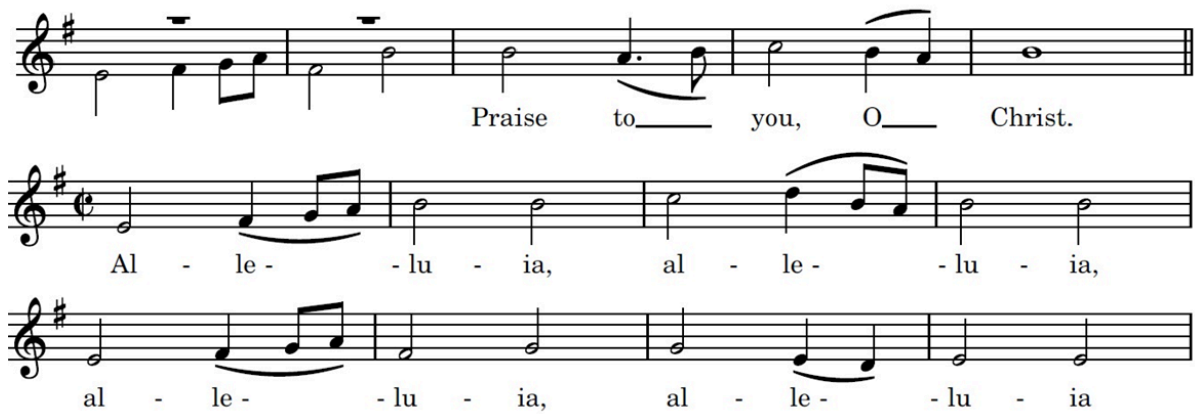
All**Gospel Reading** (*John 21:19b-25*)*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.**All** And also with you.*Celebrant* Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**All***Celebrant*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All**Sermon***SIT*

The Revd Shazz Turnquest

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed*STAND**Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

SIT

Celebrant Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
who has brought us out of darkness
and into his own marvellous light.

Intercessor Christ born for us,
Son of God given for us:
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you ...

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Wonderful counsellor,
you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill her with the Spirit of truth ...

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Mighty God,
the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness ...

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities ...

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Prince of peace,
you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer ...
your gift of wholeness and peace.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor In a moment of silence, let us offer up our own prayers and petitions.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
full of the Spirit,
All **hear our prayer,
receive our praises,
fill our lives. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

STAND

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to all in whom he delights.

(Luke 2:14)

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Anthem**SIT****"Love Came Down at Christmas" by John Rutter (b. 1945-)**

*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?*

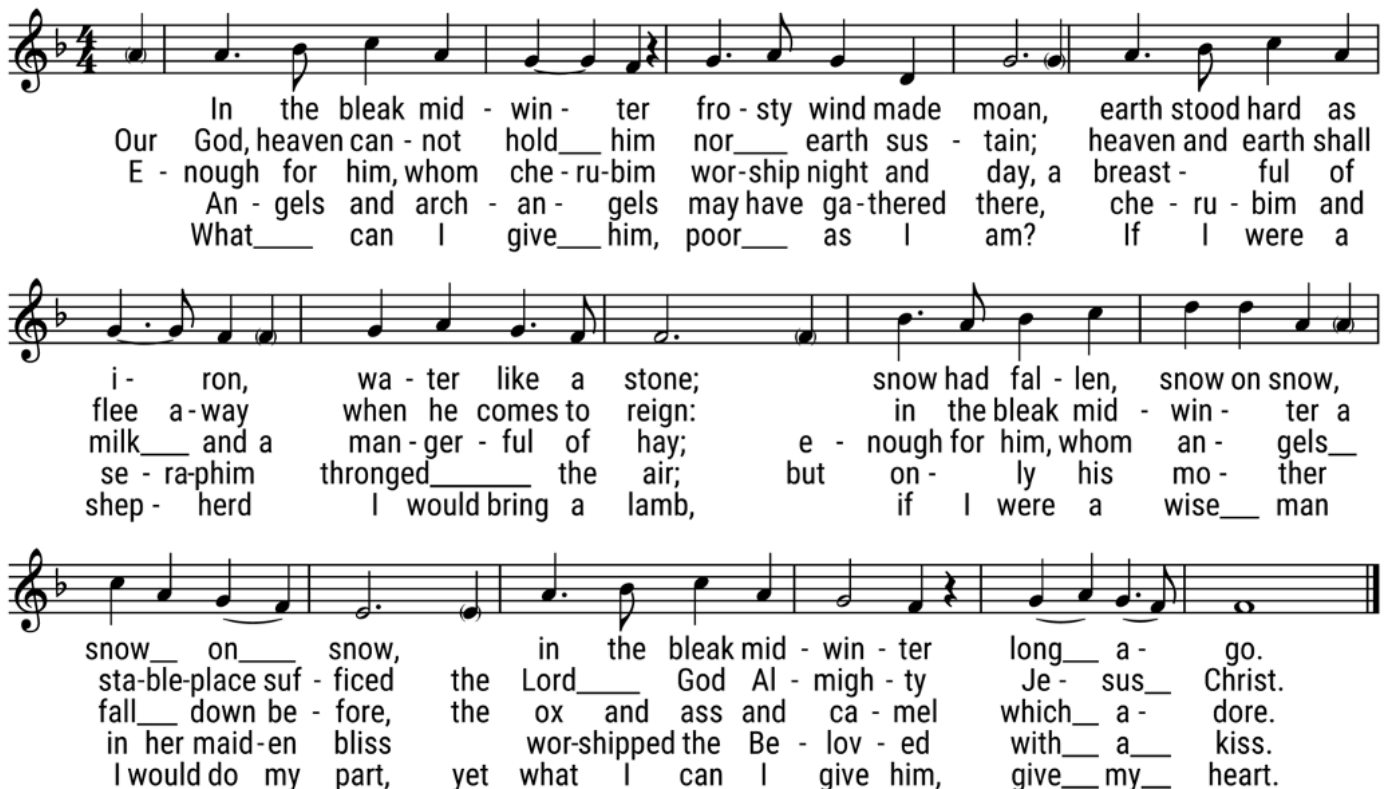
*Love shall be our token; Love be yours and Love be mine;
Love to God and others, Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Offertory**STAND**

*Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering
and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn

AM 68



In the bleak mid - win - ter fro - sty wind made moan, earth stood hard as
Our God, heaven can - not hold__ him nor__ earth sus - tain; heaven and earth shall
E - nough for him, whom che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of
An - gels and arch - an - gels may have ga - thered there, che - ru - bim and
What__ can I give__ him, poor__ as I am? If I were a
i - ron, wa - ter like a stone; snow had fal - len, snow on snow,
flee a - way when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid - win - ter a
milk__ and a man - ger - ful of hay; e - nough for him, whom an - gels__
se - ra - phim thronged__ the air; but on - ly his mo - ther
shep - herd I would bring a lamb, if I were a wise__ man
snow__ on__ snow, in the bleak mid - win - ter long__ a - go.
sta - ble - place suf - ficed the Lord__ God Al - migh - ty Je - sus__ Christ.
fall__ down be - fore, the ox and ass and ca - mel which__ a - dore.
in her maid - en bliss wor - shipped the Be - lov - ed with__ a__ kiss.
I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give__ my__ heart.

*Celebrant Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.*

All**Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Sursum Corda

Peter Yue

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Celebrant *All*

The Lord be with you, and al - so with you.

Celebrant *All* *Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

All

Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Men
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

Women
God of might; hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, are full of your

All
glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est; ho

san-na, ho - san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho-

Women
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is

Men
he, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is he who

All
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho-

san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est; ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho-san-na in the

high-est; ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

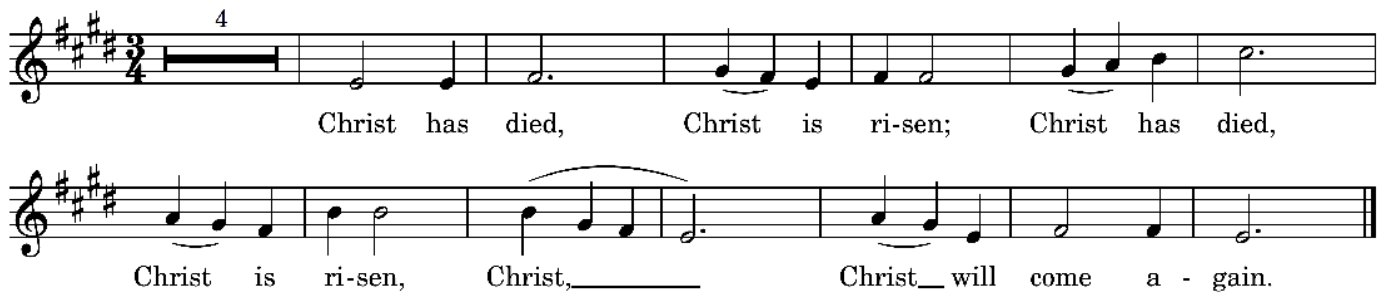
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All



Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people ✠ the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Stephen, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

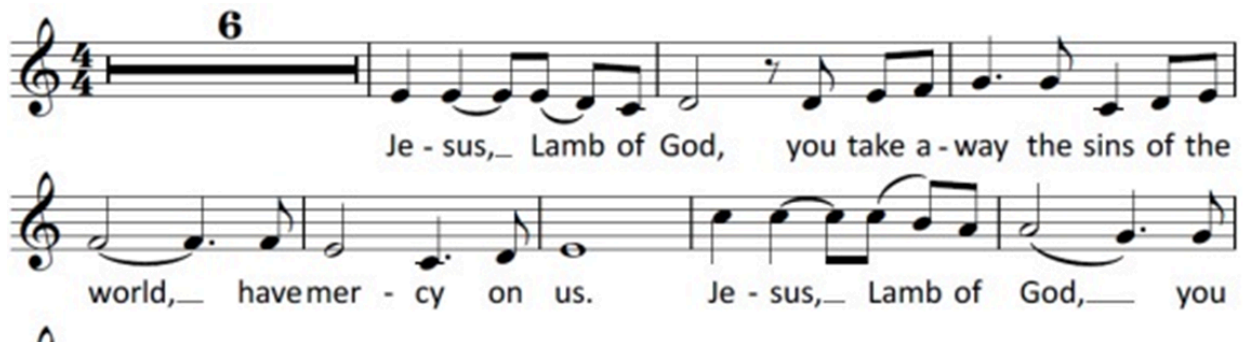
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All***The Lord's Prayer****SIT**Celebrant* As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei**All**



Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come
to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

- Anyone who is a baptised member of any Christian denomination is welcome to receive Communion at an Anglican service. If you wish to receive the Communion, please place one hand on top of the other and offer an open palm to the Minister. In keeping with the Archbishop of Canterbury's advice, the wafer should be held and dipped in the chalice of wine.

*Words of the distribution are said and the communicant replies **Amen**.*

- If you are not yet baptised and/or wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head when you come to the altar.

Communion Hymn

The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
Then wise men from a coun - try far looked up and
At Beth - le - hem they en - tered in, on bend - ed
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prai - ses

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their
saw a guild - ing star; they tra - velled on by night and
knee they wor - shipped him; they of - fered there in his pre -
to our heav'n - ly Lord; for Christ has our sal - va - tion

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No - well, no -
day to reach the place where Je - sus lay:
- sence their gold and myrrh and fran - kin - cense:
wrought and with his blood our life has bought:

well, no - well, no - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Post Communion Collect and Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

Announcement

The Blessing

STAND

Celebrant May God the Father
keep you in all your days.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Son
shield you in all your ways.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Spirit
bring you healing and peace.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
And the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and all whom you love, now and always.

All

Seven-fold Amen

John Stainer



The Dismissal

Celebrant Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,

All **now and for ever. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: Let men their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Postlude

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CHAPEL NEWS

i. Service Statistics

Service Statistics for Christmas Service, 25 December 2025

Adults (16 & over): 37	Communicants: 39
Children (under 16): 19	Offerings Collected: \$3610

ii. SAC Monthly Offering Summary – November 2025

1	5000	2	2500	3	800	6	66	8	1000	9	1100
11	800	13	1500	14	500	15	3000	16	2000	17	4000
21	1500	22	600	24	1500	25	500	26	1000	27	650
29	1000	30	800	32	100	34	200	37	500	40	400
42.	288	43	1200	44	200	48	220	50	500	51	900
53	400	57	402	58	500	59	500	60	2100	62	20
65	600	69	700	71	350	74	100	85	400	89	100
92	30	95	5000	100	500						

iii. Cycle of Prayer of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*Prayer Period:*

- 28/12/2025-03/01/2026

Province/Diocese/Missionary Area/Parish/Mission Church:

- St. Stephen's Church

Prayer Items:

- For St. Stephen's Church, and for the Revd Canon IP Kam Fai, the Revd Augusta LEUNG, and the Revd Francis YU;
- For the various activities and the evangelization and pastoral work celebrating the 160th anniversary of St. Stephen's;
- For the spiritual renewal of all the members of St. Stephen's.
- For the evangelization and pastoral ministries in all parish's kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, and social service units;
- For the Deanery of Southern and Western Districts, for its mission and service.

iv. General Security Measures and Live-streaming Arrangements

DBS, the school where the Chapel is situated, has tight security measures. When entering the school campus, worshippers who are:

a. Driving:

- Those who **have registered*** their cars with DBS should drive slowly through the main gate (Argyle Street) for the guard to verify your registration plate number;
- Those whose car plate number is not registered will have to register at the main gate guard post every Sunday.

**The School has allocated 20 parking spaces to SAC for our Sunday Service (out of the total 40 spaces on campus). As we typically have over 100 members attending the Sunday Service, this may not fully meet our needs - especially a bit difficult for families with kids and infants. To help accommodate everyone, we kindly ask that our members carpool or use*

public transportation whenever possible. Please also keep in mind that other users (such as old boys, etc.) have similar needs. If we end up with more than 20 cars on Sunday, priority will be given to those who have duties on that day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- In accordance with the Fire Safety Regulations, congregation members are reminded NOT to park
 - i. on the road next to IB Building, or
 - ii. in the open area between the Chapel entrance, tennis courts and indoor swimming pool as these are EVA (emergency vehicle access). Please PARK ONLY in the designated carpark.
- b. By taxi:
 - Via the main "Drive" (Argyle Street entrance).
- c. On foot:
 - Via the pedestrian path of the main "Drive", or
 - Via the "Steps" from Prince Edward Road West. Opening hours on Sunday: 08:00 - 13:00, or
 - Via the "Bridge" from Mong Kok East MTR Station near Exit A. Opening hours on Sunday: 08:00 - 13:00.

Live streaming of our services will continue to be available on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBSchaplaincy/>) - you may choose to take part in the service together virtually on either the Facebook App (smartphone/ tablet) or the browser of your computer. The weekly Order of Service can be downloaded from here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/135vgAAYUe8kELS7SLw6D6UU5VxgVK569/view?usp=drive_link

v. Sunday School

All children attending the Sunday School must be aged 3 or above, well toilet-trained AND with their parents/guardians attending the Sunday Service at the Chapel simultaneously. Children should sit with their parents in the Chapel before the service begins at 10:30a.m. and the Sunday School teachers will pick up the children after the first hymn. Please refer to the [guidelines](#) for the details. For more information, please refer to the announcement made through our WhatsApp and email messages, or talk to any of our Sunday School teachers.

Please note that snacks are provided during class and children will just need to bring a bottle of water. For those who have food allergies, please bring

your own snacks. Parents are also reminded that no toys and books are allowed during the Sunday School lessons and therefore are requested to keep their children's toys or books before they go up to the classrooms.

Note: the Sunday School will have Christmas break until 4th January.

vi. Special Upcoming Events

I. Chinese Fellowship and Bible Study (*jointly organised with Christ Church by The Revd. Cn. Dr. Eric Chong*)

- Venue: Trinity Room, Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.
- Date and Time: a Friday of each month from 19:30 to 21:30.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

The pew sheet of Holy Trinity Cathedral, our mother church, is available on [their website](http://dek.hkskh.org/holytrinity/newsletter.aspx?lang=2) (<http://dek.hkskh.org/holytrinity/newsletter.aspx?lang=2>).

DIOCESAN / PROVINCIAL NEWS

Echo - the HKSKH News Paper (Online version)

- <http://echo.hkskh.org/> (Chinese)
- <http://echo.hkskh.org/index.aspx?lang=1> (English)
- <https://echo.hkskh.org/index.aspx?lang=2#> (Download current PDF version - Chinese only)

【S.K.H Act of Love 1126 Fire Disaster Support Fund】

A fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po has resulted in significant damage, with multiple casualties and thousands of residents displaced from their homes. The Welfare Council has activated the S.K.H Act of Love 1126 Fire Disaster Support Fund fundraising platform to provide timely assistance. All donations received (with no administrative fees deducted) will be used to offer cash grants or essential supplies to affected individuals and families, helping them cover urgent needs such as daily necessities, medical costs, and temporary accommodation.



2026 Initiation Rites - Catechism

Baptism & Confirmation Course via Zoom



Time: Thursdays 20:30-21:30

Dates:

- ***Baptism Course***
 - Feb: 5,12,26 Mar: 5,12,19,26 Apr: 16,23,30
- ***Confirmation Course***
 - May: 7, 14 ,21 ,28
 - Jun:4,11,18,25
- ***Mandatory Retreats (in-person):*** 28/2, 16/5
 - All catechumens (candidates seeking Baptism/Confirmation) **must attend** the full-day retreats.

Registration & Contact:

- **Deadline:** 18 January 2026 (Sunday).
- **How to Apply:** Contact the Cathedral Office for an application form or complete the Google Form via the QR code.
- **Enquiries:** Please contact staff member Derek Lam via email (derek@skhhtc.org.hk) or WhatsApp

Initiation Rites Requirements:

- **I. Eligibility & Application Categories**

Different requirements apply based on age and background:

- **Children (Under 16):** If a parent is a registered Anglican member (baptised/confirmed/received), he/she may apply for his/her child to receive Holy Baptism.
- **Adults (Age 16+):**

Those who have never been baptised or confirmed may enroll in the course. Adults baptised as children may enroll to prepare for Confirmation.

Transfer Members: The faithful baptised or confirmed in other denominations wishing to be received into the Anglican Communion (i.e. Hong Kong)

The Archbishop's Christmas Message 2025

Dear citizens of Hong Kong,

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh – 2000 years ago, upon seeing the rising star and learning the news of the birth of Jesus, the Magi began their long journey to Bethlehem, to offer the Christ Child three precious gifts: gold for a king, frankincense for a God, and myrrh for someone who is to die. One month ago, when the tragic fire broke out in Wang Fuk Court, countless people travelled to Tai Po, bringing with them gifts that are no less precious: donations of clothing, food, shelter, and money; volunteer help in organising relief and comforting the victims; one fireman even gave the ultimate gift of sacrifice, and lost his life fighting for a chance that others may live. In the darkest hour, we see the brightest and best shining in Hong Kong.

It is now Christmas, and the brightest and best of the sons of the morning has dawned on our darkness. As we gather with our friends and family, or perhaps as we spend time with those in need of our love, what gifts can we bring them this year?

The merciless flames have cast an invisible shadow over Hong Kong. When we hear the words 'Merry Christmas', and when we see all these beautifully decorated Christmas trees around Hong Kong, we may question, 'What is there to be merry about, when the innocent are suffering?' But the message of Christmas can often shine the brightest when we find ourselves trapped in darkness.

Jesus himself was born into a world of darkness and conflict. His birth is often shown in art as a lovely scene with adorable animals, but in reality the manger is an unhygienic place for childbirth, where Mary had to endure the pain with only Joseph by her side. A few months later, after the Magi's visit of the Holy Family, the baby Jesus had to flee with his family into Egypt in order to escape Herod's soldiers. As a young man in his 30s, Jesus would be falsely accused, persecuted, and died the gruesome death of crucifixion.

But it was precisely because Jesus suffered that God understood humanity's pain and agony. This connection made Jesus Christ the greatest gift of all: the Word has become flesh, and God is with us. After the Black Christmas of 1941, when the inmates of Stanley prayed to the cross, God was with them – Emmanuel. If we say God is love, then surely we've seen God in Hong Kong in the last month. There is nothing more Christ-like than the outpouring of love that Hong Kong witnessed after this tragedy. In a way, the Christmas spirit was truly alive this year.

But God didn't just bring us gifts on a single day, because the gift of Christ is an eternal gift. The love that was born to us 2000 years ago is still alive, even to this day! The tragedy of Tai Po has moved many of us to spring into action out of love, but this must not be a one-off event. Very soon, because our modern world give us new things to worry about every week, attention on the Tai Po victims will diminish. Their worries will remain, and it will take considerable time for the survivors to recover fully from their loss, but the world will have moved on. What then? Should we only bring gifts to others when a big tragedy happens? No, it is especially when the world has moved on, when the world has stopped paying attention, that our love is most needed.

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' So sang the angels to the lowly shepherds, who could offer nothing but their humble hearts to Jesus as their gift. It is those who have goodness in their hearts that God favours, and our world will be filled with peace instead of suffering, if only we cooperate with God, and hold on to that lingering goodness that is in all our hearts. This Christmas, a month after the flames of darkness have stopped burning, let us keep the fire of hope and love eternal in our hearts. Let us offer our continued love and charity to everyone who needs it. 2000 years ago, the Magi brought gifts to Baby Jesus; today, we also bring gifts to those we love, and to those who need our love. In the neglected and vulnerable, we see the image of Baby Jesus, and by bringing them gifts of love, we rediscover the ancient hope that brought light and life to a dark world. This Christmas, let us offer one another a Christmas of peace, remembering that no matter how dark the world may seem, the Christ Child is here with us, laying peacefully in the manger, with his star of hope leading us ever closer to him.

Merry Christmas!

++Andrew Chan



Source: https://echo.hkskh.org/news_article_details.aspx?lang=1&nid=16443

Rota for Sunday, 28th December 2025 (Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Shazz Turnquest	
Subdeacon:	Lincoln Cheung	
Servers:	Crucifer:	Daniel Wong
	Acolytes:	Harley Tsui , Ambrose Lo
	Thurifer:	Kelvin Lau
	Boater/trainee:	Olive Cheung
Chalice:	Shannon Chan, Edwin Tsui	
Lectors:	Shannon Chan, Edwin Tsui	
Intercessor:	Constance He	
Announcer:	Lincoln Cheung	
Guest Conductor:	Winnie Lee	
Organist:	tbc	
Sunday School:	<i>(Christmas break)</i>	
Audio Visual Support:	Raymond Wong	
Greeters & Coffee Stand:	Shannon Chan, Edwin Tsui	

Rota for next Sunday, 5th January 2026 (Christmas 2)

Celebrant and Preacher:	Tbc	
Subdeacon:	Tbc	
Servers:	Crucifer:	Tbc
	Acolytes:	Tbc
	Thurifer:	Tbc
	Boater/trainee:	Tbc
Chalice:	Tbc	
Lectors:	Tbc	
Intercessor:	Tbc	
Announcer:	Tbc	
Guest Conductor:	Tbc	
Organist:	tbc	
Sunday School:	<i>(Christmas break)</i>	
Audio Visual Support:	Tbc	
Greeters & Coffee Stand:	Tbc	

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Province of the Anglican Communion)

Archbishop and Primate: The Most Revd Andrew Chan

Diocese of Eastern Kowloon

Bishop: The Rt. Revd Dr. Timothy Kwok

Bishop Emeritus: The Rt. Revd Louis Tsui

Dean of Cathedral: The Very Revd Franklin Lee

St. Augustine's Chapel

Priest-in-charge: The Very Revd Franklin Lee, The Dean

Assisting Priest: The Revd Michael Chan

Hon. Associate Priest: The Revd Catherine Graham

SAC Congregation Working Group 2024-2025

Priest-in-charge: The Very Revd Franklin Lee, The Dean (Chairman)

Assisting Priest: The Revd Michael Chan

Hon. Secretary: Nelson Wong

Hon. Treasurers: Kim Chan & Lincoln Cheung

Members: Shannon Chan, King Lai, Kelvin Lau, Yvette Lee, Rico Tam, Juanna Yin, Raymond Wong, Steve Wong, Pat Yuen

Chiefs of Service Groups:

1. Priesthood Group: Dean Franklin Lee
2. Pastoral Group: Dean Franklin Lee, The Revd Michael Chan & The Revd Catherine Graham
3. Education Group: Dean Franklin Lee, The Revd Michael Chan
4. Choir: (vacant)
5. Lectors & Greeters: Nelson Wong
6. Multimedia: Raymond Wong
7. Servers: Kelvin Lau
8. Sunday School: Juanna Yin
9. Youth Ministry: Rico Tam
10. Community Service: Shannon Chan
11. Website: Yvette Lee

Service Involvement Form

As a member of the St. Augustine's Chapel family, your help in any service listed below will contribute to our concerted efforts in offering our best worship and love to God our Father in Heaven and to our brothers and sisters here on earth! Please fill out the online form indicating which worship service roles and SAC community life and nurture roles you could serve in: <https://forms.gle/mV4r5TfB5VWnv7CR8>



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