

# Easter Eucharist

## 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

# Hymn: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

*Charles Wesley*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# Welcome

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Minister:* God raised the Lord Jesus

*All:* **And he will also raise us by his power**

# Gloria in Excelsis

**All:** Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Collect for Easter

*(Please stand)*

**All:** Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we,  
being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
Amen.

# Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

*(Please be seated)*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from  
all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that  
he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

*After the reader announces the reading (the people all standing up), all shall say*

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she

saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” —and that he had said these things to her.

*At the end of the reading the reader shall say*

This is the Gospel of Christ

*All shall respond*

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

# **Sermon**

***John 20:1-18***

# The Nicene Creed

*(Please stand)*

**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,  
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in fulfilment of 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 worshipped 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.**

## **Kids' Spot**

# Prayers of Intercession

*(Please kneel or be seated)*

*Prayers for the nations of the world and our own nation:*

*Leader:* O God, our creator and preserver, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

(Especially we pray for ...)

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers for the church throughout the world and our own church:*

*Leader:* We pray for your Church throughout the world: guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

(Especially we pray for ...)

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Prayer for the sick, the suffering and those who mourn the death of loved ones:*

*Leader:* We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings and bring good out of their troubles.

(Especially we pray for ...)

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Fill us and all your people with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:*

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

# Prayer of Confession

*(Please remain kneeling or seated)*

*The minister may use this or another call to confession*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

***All:* Almighty God, our Heavenly Father**

**We admit that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and deserve your just punishment.**

**We truly repent and are sorry for what we have done.**

**Have mercy on us, merciful Father.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past,**

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

# The Eucharist

*(Please remain kneeling or seated)*

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*All:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*The Minister prays*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that in your love and mercy,  
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the  
cross for our redemption.

We thank you that by offering himself once for all,  
he made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin  
and completely satisfied your holiness, justice and  
love.

And he instructed us to remember his death together  
until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that by your Holy  
Spirit,  
we who eat and drink this bread and wine,  
according to our Lord's command

may remember his death for us with faith,  
trusting in him alone for our salvation  
and so share in his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed, he took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks, he broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them saying,  
“Drink from this, all of you;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

*All:* **Amen.**

# The Distribution

*Minister:*

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

## **Psalm 118:1, 16-17, 22-23**

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:  
His mercy endures forever. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
The right hand of the Lord raises up. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I shall not die but live:  
and proclaim the works of the Lord. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# The Easter Anthem

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.  
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.  
For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;  
for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be forever. Amen.

# Hymn: In Christ Alone

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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# Prayer of Response

*(Please kneel or be seated)*

*Minister:* Jesus said, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17-18

*All:* **God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of  
his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

# Announcements

## Easter Greeting from members of the Cathedral

### Dismissal

*The gathering ends with a blessing.*

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All:* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Minister:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# Hymn: Thine Be The Glory

*Edmond Louis Budry, George Frederic Handel, and Richard Birch Hoyle*

Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy body lay

*Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won*

Lo Jesus meets us  
Risen from the tomb  
Lovingly He greets us  
Scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing  
For her Lord now liveth  
Death hath lost its sting

No more we doubt Thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is nought without Thee  
Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through Thy deathless love  
Lead us in Thy triumph  
To Thy home above

*Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won*

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## Giving

### Online transfer

Bank name: **Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd**

Account name: **St Mary's Cathedral**

Account number: **312 142 334 691**

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter ***your 3-digit pledge number.***

Otherwise, enter **Online Service**

For one-off giving, please email the bank-in slip or online transfer receipt to: **collections@stmaryscathedral.org.my**

### Boost e-wallet

Scan the following QR code using the Boost App. Be sure to confirm "St Mary's Cathedral" is listed as the payee.



## St Mary's Cathedral

Note: This method of giving is analogous to putting cash into the offertory bag/box. Your donation will go to the General Fund. You will not be given a receipt. Do not use this to give a pledge.

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## On-Site & Online Services

We have resumed our English services in the Cathedral. Bookings for the services can be done at [stmarys.my/booking](https://stmarys.my/booking). We will take down the forms 2 days before the service, or once we have reached the maximum number of people that we are able to accommodate for each of the services.

If you are not able to book through our website, please call the church office during office hours and Mrs Nesamani will help you to do your booking. The number to call is 03-26928672.

If you are joining us online on Sundays, our English Liturgical service will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at 10.00 am, and our English Contemporary (SMACC) service will be livestreamed at 5.00 pm. More information about our services can be found here:

[stmarys.my/services](http://stmarys.my/services)

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## Cathedral Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Cathedral is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, 24 April 2021 at 11.00 am in the Ballroom of the Royal Selangor Club.**

The AGM reports will be available from 9 April to electoral roll members. Kindly contact the office by phone (03-26928672) or email ([office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my)) if you are on the electoral roll and would like a copy to be emailed to you.

Any other business and deliberations pertaining to the AGM must be brought to the attention of the Dean and Hon. Secretary before **16 April 2021**. While questions from the floor will be permitted, we would appreciate it if you could submit questions you may have that arise from the reports, accounts or budget before 16 April. You may

do so by emailing [secretary@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:secretary@stmaryscathedral.org.my). This would enable questions and answers to be prepared beforehand to expedite proceedings.

Only electoral roll members are invited to attend and to vote at the AGM. If you are coming to the AGM, please **register by 22 April 2021** by a simple email to [office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my) stating your name and your intention to come for the AGM, by WhatsApp message to the Hon. Secretary (012-2885057) or by filling in a connection card on our website indicating that you are planning to attend.

The Royal Selangor has a dress code. For the ballroom we are using, the dress code is smart casual or more formal attire. They disallow T-shirts without collar, shorts, slippers, flip-flops, sandals, faded/tattered denims and for men, hair bands of any kind. Those who attend our AGM will need to comply with this.

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## **Golden Circle AGM**

The St Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle will be having their AGM via Zoom on Saturday, 17 April 2021 at 3.00 pm. Members aged 50 and above who are on the Electoral Roll are invited to attend this AGM. A Zoom link will be sent

closer to the AGM date. Please contact Thilly Abraham at 012-3756165 for the link.

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## **Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF) AGM**

The CWF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 17 April 2021 at 10.00 am physically in MPH. Women of the Cathedral are invited to attend. The relevant SOPs shall be strictly adhered to. Please contact Joyce Yu at 012-2255277 to register your intention to come to the on-site meeting or to get a link so you can participate by Zoom.

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## **Young Adults AGM**

The Young Adults Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 18 April 2021 at 6.45 pm physically in MPH. Young Adults aged 18-35 are invited to attend. The relevant SOPs shall be strictly adhered to. Please contact Stanley Lee at 016-5394231 to register your intentions to do so.

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## On-Site Service Volunteers

We are still looking to increase the number of volunteers for our Logistics and Audio Visual (AV) teams. If you are aged between 15-50 and able to help out at our on-site services, please fill in this form, and we will get in touch with you: [stmarys.my/volunteer](https://stmarys.my/volunteer). More details about what is involved can also be found in the form.

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## Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be having our Zoom prayer meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The link to this prayer meeting will be sent to you in our Friday emails (if you are not on our mailing list, please subscribe to it here: [stmarys.my/subscribe](https://stmarys.my/subscribe)).

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## Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community to share lives and grow spiritually? As we have not been able to attend church services and see each other physically, please do consider joining an online small group to study

God's Word, as well as to support and encourage one another.

Do fill in this form and we will connect you to a small group: [stmarys.my/smallgroups](https://stmarys.my/smallgroups)

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## Work Care Panel

We have a panel to help our Cathedral community look for work or advise about work and training opportunities. If you're looking for work and wouldn't mind a helping hand, fill in our connection card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect), indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.

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# Pastoral Emergencies

If you or someone you know is finding this time a particularly challenging one, or would like someone to pray with you, please do call one of your leaders or congregational pastors. Please also remember that you can use our **Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline** on **011 5762 8524**.