

A Service of the Word and Prayer

Good Friday

2nd April 2021



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:17

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we
have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice
of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set
before us.

Daniel 9:9f

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

Psalm 143:2

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a
propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith

Romans 3:24f

Collects

(Please stand)

**All: Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ
was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of wicked men
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 19:16b-27

(Please be seated)

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’, but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfil the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Alas And Did My Saviour Died

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

(Please kneel)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When God, the mighty maker, died
For his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

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Psalm 22:1-18

(Please stand for the responsive reading)

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ **“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ **On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹² **Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ **For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—**

¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ **they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-30

(Please be seated)

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 1

Hymn: O Sacred Head

Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153, James W. Alexander 1804-1859

(Please kneel)

O sacred head, once wounded
With grief and pain weighed down
How scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown!
How pale art Thou with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

O Lord of life and glory
What bliss till now was Thine!
I read the wondrous story
I joy to call Thee mine
Thy grief and Thy compassion
Were all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain

What language shall I borrow
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend
For this, Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end?
Lord, make me Thine for ever
Nor let me faithless prove

O let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!

Be near me, Lord, when dying
O show Thyself to me
And for my succour flying
Come, Lord, to set me free
These eyes, new faith receiving
From Jesus shall not move
For he who dies believing
Dies safely through Thy love

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Confession

(Please kneel)

Silence is kept for self-examination and confession of sins.

Minister: Man born of woman has but a short time to live.
Like a flower we blossom and then wither;
like a shadow we flee and never stay.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: In the midst of life we are in death;
to whom can we turn for help,
but to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our
sins?

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
hear our prayer, O God most mighty;
Spare us, most worthy judge eternal;
at our last hour let us not fall from you,
O holy and merciful Saviour.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord God most holy, Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
deliver us from the bitter pain of eternal death.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus
Christ:
He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows
He was pierced for our transgressions
Crushed for our iniquities
The punishment that brings us peace was upon
him
By his wounds we are healed.
We all like sheep have gone astray
Each of us has wandered to his own way
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of
us all. *Isaiah 53:4-6*

All: **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 19:31-37

(Please be seated)

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 2

Hymn: How Deep The Father's Love

Stuart Townend

(Please kneel)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turned His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Acclamations

(Please stand)

Minister: You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.

All: **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us a kingdom of priests
to stand and serve before our God;**

**All to him who sits upon the throne and to the
Lamb**

**be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 19:38-42

(Please be seated)

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 3

Psalm 22:19-31

(Please stand for the responsive reading)

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² **I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live for ever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

**28 For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**30 Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Prayers

(Please kneel or be seated)

Minister: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore, we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people;
that in their vocation and ministry
each may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your Name:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on those who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace
and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one
Shepherd, Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who
suffer;
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of
any trouble:
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief,
and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Let us commend ourselves and all God's children
to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Minister: Merciful Father,
All: **accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

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.**

Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

(Please remain kneeling)

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Closing Prayer

Minister: Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved mankind:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the
cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The ministers depart in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

Connect with us

Thank you for joining our service. If you would like for us to get in touch with you, or have any feedback for us, please fill in our connection card at stmarys.my/connect

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Details on our webpage: stmarys.my/give

On-Site & Online Services

We have resumed our English services in the Cathedral. Bookings for the services can be done at 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

Easter & Passion Week - English Services

Monday, 29 March

- 7.30 pm - English Liturgical Passion Week Service (On-site with no Livestream)

Tuesday, 30 March

- 7.30 pm - English Liturgical Passion Week Service (On-site with no Livestream)

Wednesday, 31 March

- 7.30 pm - English Liturgical Passion Week Service (On-site with no Livestream)

Thursday, 1 April

- 7.30 pm - Maundy Thursday English Liturgical Service (On-site & Livestreamed)

Friday, 2 April

- 10.00 am Good Friday English Liturgical Service (On-site & Livestreamed)
- 8.00 pm Good Friday English Contemporary (SMACC) Service (Zoom only)

Our Easter Sunday services will be onsite and livestreamed from the Cathedral at 10.00 am (Liturgical) and 5.00 pm (SMACC).

Bookings for the onsite services above can be done at stmarys.my/booking. We encourage you to only book in for one of the services above, as we hope to have enough room for anyone who wants to come to be able to make it to one service that week.

More details about the services can be found here:

stmarys.my/easter

Kids' Church Easter Activities

In the coming week, children will be able to enjoy a recorded telling of the Easter story with songs and activities split over 3 videos premiering on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. Links to these can be found on the Kids' Church page of our website:

stmarys.my/kids

And for those children tuning in with their families to our English Easter Sunday services, there will also be a kids' talk.

Cathedral Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, 24 April 2021 at 11.00 am in the Ballroom of the Royal Selangor Club.**

We will abide by the social distancing guidelines that are operating at the time and will try to keep the meeting relatively short and as safe as we can in the circumstances. More details will become available over the next couple of weeks.

We are only inviting electoral roll members and a few non-voting helpers to attend the AGM. You are entitled to come to the AGM and to vote if you joined the electoral roll before it closed on 31 December 2020.

If you would like to check your status, please call the office at 03-26928672 during office hours from 29 March until 2 April 2021 to make sure your name is there, and your details are up to date. It is especially important that people who think they enrolled last year check that their

names are actually there. (While a copy of the electoral roll will be displayed as usual in the main church foyer, this will not be accessible to most of us due to the current circumstances).

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.

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.

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.

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. More details about what is involved can also be found in the form.

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).

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

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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, indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.

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**.