

Order of Service for Wednesday of Holy Week

31st March 2021

Holy Eucharist



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Welcome

Collects

All: **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden
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.**

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

(Please be seated)

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted.

At the end of the reading

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 13:21-32

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the money bag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast”, or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is

glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself,
and glorify him at once.

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

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

(Please kneel or be seated)

Almighty and ever-living God, through your holy apostle, you have taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: We humbly ask that in your mercy you would receive these our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

We pray that you would continually inspire your universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord and that you would teach all who confess your holy name to agree in the truth of your holy Word and to live in unity and godly love.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace. Grant that their rulers and those in authority may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness, and uphold integrity and truth.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops (especially our Archbishop, Melter, and our Diocesan Bishop, Steven) and other clergy, that by their life and teaching they may set forth your true, living Word and rightly administer your holy sacraments. To all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation gathered here that we may receive your holy Word with reverent and humble hearts, and serve you in holiness

and righteousness all the days of our lives.

We most humbly beseech you, O Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

And we bless your holy name for all your servants who have departed this life in the faith of Christ, asking you to give us grace to follow their good examples so that with them we may share in your eternal kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **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

Hymn: There Is A Green Hill Far Away

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895

There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

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Hymn: We Sing the Praise Of Him Who Died

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

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Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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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Prayer of Response

(Please kneel or be seated)

**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.**

**All: Heavenly Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

The gathering ends with a blessing.

Minister: Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.**

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

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.

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

Subscribe to Our Mailing List

To receive emails about latest updates and important news about the Cathedral, fill in the form at stmarys.my/subscribe

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**.