

# Holy Eucharist

17 October 2021



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

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## Welcome

## Collects

*(Please stand)*

**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.**

*Collect for the twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

**All: God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts  
equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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: 1 Samuel 23:1-18

*(Please be seated)*

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not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this.”<sup>18</sup> And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

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

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

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:20-25**

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

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

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

*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: Loyalty And Betrayal

## *1 Samuel 23*

### 1. Introduction and Background

### 2. The Passage

- Salvation (v1-5)
  - Betrayal (v6-14)
    - Loyalty (v15-18)
      - Betrayal (v19-24)
- Salvation (v25-29)

### 3. Conclusion

# 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)*

*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.**

*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.**

*This Prayer of Humble Access may be said by all*

**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 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: O Save Me By Thy Name

*The Psalter: with responsive readings, 1912*

O save me by Thy Name  
And judge me in thy might;  
O God, now grant my urgent claim,  
Acceptance in thy sight.

Strong foes against me rise,  
Oppressors seek my soul,  
Who set not God before their eyes,  
Nor own His just control.

Lo, God my helper is,  
The Lord, my mighty friend;  
He shall requite my enemies,  
Their just destruction send.

My sacrifice of praise  
To Thee I freely bring;  
My thanks, O Lord, to Thee I raise  
And of Thy goodness sing.

From troubles and from woes  
Thou hast delivered me,  
The overthrow of all my foes  
Hast given me to see.

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# Hymn: Father Hear The Prayer We Offer

*Love Maria Willis, 1824-1908*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

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# Hymn: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

*Fanny J. Crosby, 1875*

All the way my Saviour leads me—  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me—  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! a spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me—  
Oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way.

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# Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

*Welsh, William Williams, 1717-1791*

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.

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# Prayer of Response

*(Please kneel or be seated)*

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of 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 into the world  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

# The Blessing

*(Please remain kneeling or seated)*

*Minister:* The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Dismissal

*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](https://stmarys.my/connect)

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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.

Details on our webpage: [stmarys.my/give](https://stmarys.my/give)

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## Onsite & Online Services

We have resumed our English services in the Cathedral.

- English Liturgical Service – 10.00 am
- English Contemporary (SMACC) Service – 5.00 pm

**If you would like to book to come, you can do so at [stmarys.my/booking](https://stmarys.my/booking). Bookings will open at 2.00 pm on **Sunday** and will close at noon on Friday or when all the**

seats are taken, whichever comes first. If you find it hard to book online, you can call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484 during office hours and Mrs Nesamani will help with the booking. **You will need to have a confirmed booking before you can come on Sunday.**

If you are joining us online on Sundays, both the services above will be livestreamed from the Cathedral (Liturgical at 10.00 am, SMACC at 5.00 pm).

More information about our services can be found here: [stmarys.my/services](https://stmarys.my/services)

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## **Virtual Tea Terrace & Prayer Meeting**

Our Virtual Tea Terrace will be open after the livestream of today's English Liturgical Service. This Virtual Tea Terrace provides a place that people can come to chat with each other after church. Please do join us on this link that will take you straight into the Zoom meeting:

[stmarys.my/vtt](https://stmarys.my/vtt)

This Sunday (17 October) at 11.30 am, there will be a prayer meeting at the Virtual Tea Terrace. Please do join us as we bring our concerns to the Lord in prayer as a

community. Please use the same link above to join this prayer meeting.

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## **All Saints' and All Souls' Day Service**

Please join us for our All Saints' and All Souls' Day Service on Monday, 1 November 2021 at 7.30 pm. This short service will take place by Zoom, and you can join us at [stmarys.my/dailyoffice](https://stmarys.my/dailyoffice)

If you would like to add the name of those whom you would like us to remember with thanksgiving, please send an email to Rev Gordon Kong at [gordon.kong@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:gordon.kong@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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## **Adult Confirmation Programme**

Our Adult Confirmation Programme at St Mary's has 2 parts. Part 1 is called 'Just for Starters' – and the same material is also used for baptism preparation and other bible studies as well. This is normally done one-to-one or in a very small group. Part 2 is called 'Being Anglican' (it was previously called 'Adult Anglican Confirmation 2') and it's a basic introduction to Christian living in an Anglican church. *(It is not to be confused with the Anglicanism*

*programme which is for leaders and people who want to study Anglican doctrine and practice in a more detailed way.)*

The next round of Part 2 of the Adult Confirmation Programme, 'Being Anglican', by Rev Lee Kon Yim, will begin on 24 October at 2.00 pm and will go for 5-6 sessions.

If you are 18 and above and are interested in being confirmed then please let us know at [stmarys.my/adultconfirmation](https://stmarys.my/adultconfirmation). If you have already done 'Just for Starters', let us know on the form and we will enrol you in the 'Being Anglican' course.

Otherwise, please look out for more details in the coming week on our 'Just For Starters' course which will begin on 7 November 2021.

If you have already been prepared for confirmation, and you are just waiting for it to happen, there is no need to fill out the form. But if you have not been contacted by someone to arrange a time for the confirmation, please call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484 on Monday, 18 October, or email [office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my) or fill in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) and let us know.

## Youth Confirmation Programme

If you would like to indicate interest in our Youth Confirmation Programme for your teenager aged 13-17, please let us know at [stmarys.my/youthconfirmation](https://stmarys.my/youthconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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## Adopt-A-Family Initiative

Since our last update, the Adopt-A-Family initiative has now adopted an additional 16 families in a new community! We are now caring for 35 families in three communities in Kuala Lumpur. This wouldn't have been possible without your contribution and prayers.

This new community is looking to set up a day care centre so that some moms can go to work and other moms can earn some income from taking care of the kids in the community. To set up this day care centre, they would need kids furniture, mattresses, stationery, books and toys. If you have any suitable pre-loved items and would like to contribute to this, please fill in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect), and someone from our 'Adopt-A-Family' team will send you more details.

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## The Daily Office

We invite you to join us for the Daily Office - a short daily service with systematic Bible readings and set prayers. This will take place every day at 7.30 am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine over this segment of the lockdown, please join us by simply going to [stmarys.my/dailyoffice](https://stmarys.my/dailyoffice) at about 7.25 am each day for a 7.30 am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish well before 8.00 am.

If you can't use Zoom for any reason, but you are keen to be involved, then give our office a call during office hours on 011 5760 3484 and we will be happy to discuss special arrangements with you.

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## Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community to share lives and grow spiritually? Please do consider joining one of our online small groups 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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## **Kids' Church**

Kids' Church meets online every week at the following times:

- 3-4 year olds on Sunday at 10.20 am
- 5-6 year olds on Sunday at 9.00 am
- 7-9's on Saturday at 2.00 pm
- 10-12's on Sunday at 2.00 pm

If you would like to enrol your child or find out more about Kids' Church, please visit [stmarys.my/kids](https://stmarys.my/kids)

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## **Youth Fellowship**

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up at [stmarys.my/youth](https://stmarys.my/youth)

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## Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be having our Zoom prayer meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. You can join this prayer meeting at [stmarys.my/prayermeeting](https://stmarys.my/prayermeeting)

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/subscribe)

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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.

Please do reach out if you need help with food or other essentials like groceries. You can let us know by filling in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect).

# Appendix

## 1 Samuel 23

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shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars.”<sup>8</sup> And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.<sup>9</sup> David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod here.”<sup>10</sup> Then David said, “O Lord, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account.<sup>11</sup> Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Lord, the God of Israel, please tell your servant.” And the Lord said, “He will come down.”<sup>12</sup> Then David said, “Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?” And the Lord said, “They will surrender you.”<sup>13</sup> Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition.<sup>14</sup> And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hand.

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Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." <sup>18</sup> And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

<sup>19</sup> Then the Ziphites went up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hachilah, which is south of Jeshimon?" <sup>20</sup> Now come down, O king, according to all your heart's desire to come down, and our part shall be to surrender him into the king's hand." <sup>21</sup> And Saul said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, for you have had compassion on me. <sup>22</sup> Go, make yet more sure. Know and see the place where his foot is, and who has seen him there, for it is told me that he is very cunning. <sup>23</sup> See therefore and take note of all the lurking places where he hides, and come back to me with sure information. Then I will go with you. And if he is in the land, I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah." <sup>24</sup> And they arose and went to Ziph ahead of Saul.

Now David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon.<sup>25</sup> And Saul and his men went to seek him. And David was told, so he went down to the rock and lived in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.<sup>26</sup> Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to get away from Saul. As Saul and his men were closing in on David and his men to capture them,<sup>27</sup> a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid against the land."<sup>28</sup> So Saul returned from pursuing after David and went against the Philistines. Therefore that place was called the Rock of Escape.<sup>29</sup> And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of Engedi.