

Holy Eucharist

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Second Sunday before Advent



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

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Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

Michael Perry 1942-1996

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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Introduction

Prayer of Preparation

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.

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

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

**All: Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 7:4-12

(Please be seated.)

⁴ Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,”
and call insight your intimate friend,
⁵ to keep you from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words.

⁶ For at the window of my house
I have looked out through my lattice,
⁷ and I have seen among the simple,
I have perceived among the youths,
a young man lacking sense,
⁸ passing along the street near her corner,
taking the road to her house
⁹ in the twilight, in the evening,
at the time of night and darkness.

¹⁰ And behold, the woman meets him,
dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart.
¹¹ She is loud and wayward;
her feet do not stay at home;
¹² now in the street, now in the market,
and at every corner she lies in wait.

At the end of the reading, the reader says,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 137

(Please stand: the Psalm will be said responsively.)

¹ By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.

² **On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.**

³ For there our captors
required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

⁴ **How shall we sing the LORD's song
in a foreign land?**

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!

⁶ **Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!**

⁷ Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!”

⁸ **O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,
blessed shall he be who repays you
with what you have done to us!**

⁹ Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones
and dashes them against the rock!

At the end of the reading the reader says,

Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever.
Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Revelation 18

(Please be seated.)

¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. ² And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,
a haunt for every unclean spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

³ For all nations have drunk

the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,
and the kings of the earth have committed immorality
with her,

and the merchants of the earth have grown rich
from the power of her luxurious living.”

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out of her, my people,

lest you take part in her sins,
lest you share in her plagues;

⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven,

and God has remembered her iniquities.

⁶ Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,
and repay her double for her deeds;
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

⁷ As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so give her a like measure of torment and
mourning,

since in her heart she says,

‘I sit as a queen,

I am no widow,

and mourning I shall never see.’

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,
death and mourning and famine,
and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual
immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail
over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰ They
will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,

you mighty city, Babylon!

For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

¹¹ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

¹⁴ “The fruit for which your soul longed
has gone from you,
and all your delicacies and your splendours
are lost to you,
never to be found again!”

¹⁵ The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

¹⁶ “Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!

¹⁷ For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off
¹⁸ and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,
“What city was like the great city?”

¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you saints and apostles and prophets,
for God has given judgment for you against her!”

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

“So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence,

and will be found no more;

²² and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,

will be heard in you no more,
and a craftsman of any craft
will be found in you no more,
and the sound of the mill
will be heard in you no more,
²³ and the light of a lamp
will shine in you no more,
and the voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more,
for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.
²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of
saints,
and of all who have been slain on earth.”

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 23:34-39

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

³⁴ Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, ³⁵ so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All shall respond:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

(At the 11 am service, parents may take their children to Kids' Church at this point.)

Sermon: Fallen Is Babylon

Revelation 18

Introduction and Background

1. The Pronouncement of Judgement on Babylon

2. The Reason for Judgement on Babylon

3. The Response to the Judgement on Babylon

Implications for Us

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.**

The Baptism

(11.00 am only)

The Minister addresses the candidates:

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us: promises that we are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

If there are children to be baptised the minister speaks to the parents and godparents:

Children are baptised on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of church.

Today, on behalf of *these children*, you shall make solemn vows to follow Christ and you shall profess your faith in him. It is your task to see that *these children* are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. As *they* grow, *they* will need encouragement, instruction, and the help of a good example, so that *they* may come to trust in Christ for themselves and take their place in the life of his church.

Are you willing to undertake this task?

Parents and godparents answer:

I am willing.

Parents and godparents will answer all the following questions on behalf of the child candidates.

The Minister continues:

Those who come to be baptised must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil – the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world and the sinful desires of the flesh.

Therefore, I ask you these questions:

Minister: Do you turn to Christ?

Candidates: **I turn to Christ.**

Minister: Do you repent of your sins?

Candidates: **I repent of my sins.**

Minister: Do you renounce evil?

Candidates: **I renounce evil.**

The Minister continues:

You must now declare before God and his church the Christian faith into which you are to be baptised and in which you will live and grow.

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made heaven and earth?

Candidates: **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

Candidates: **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

Candidates: **I believe and trust in him.**

The Congregation affirms the faith.

Minister: This is the faith of the church

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Minister leads in prayer:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse us.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

In your mercy you saved Noah and his family from perishing by water,
Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit,
You brought your Son through the deep waters of death and raised him to new life in triumph.
And by his decree you sanctified the waters of baptism to signify the washing away of sins.
Grant, we pray, that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, *they* who are to be baptised in this water may be one with Christ, by faith, in his death and resurrection.
Wash *them*, sanctify *them*, deliver *them* from your wrath,
Receive *them* into the ark of Christ's church
And bring them through the waters of this troubled world into the land of everlasting life.
For all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Each candidate is then baptised:

Minister: N, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Each candidate is signed with the cross and the Minister says:

I sign you with the cross to show that you are not to be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All:

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life.

The Minister and congregation welcome the newly baptised. The Minister says:
God has received you into his church.

All respond:

We welcome you into the Lord's family.

We are members together of the body of Christ.

We are children of the same heavenly Father.

We are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God.

We welcome you.

The Congregation may greet the newly baptised with applause.

The Peace

(Please stand.)

The Greeting of Peace is introduced in these or other suitable words.

Minister: We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

During the singing of the next hymn, a collection may be taken for the work of ministry in the Cathedral and beyond. Ministry partners who would like to give in cash may use the offertory bags. If you are a visitor or if you give by QR code or online, there is no need to put money in the bag. Please simply pass the offertory bag along without embarrassment.

Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come, O God

Lewis Hensley 1824-1905

Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise, and never set!

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Prayers of Intercession

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Leader: Almighty and ever living God, you have taught us in your word to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you *[to accept our offerings]* and hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *(The words 'to accept our offerings' may be left out if a collection is not taken during the hymn before the prayers).*

Prayers for the nations of the world and our own nation

Leader: 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.**

Prayers 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 Penitence and Confession

The minister may use this or another call to confession.

Minister: Brothers and sisters: as we come together to share in the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, the Scriptures urge us to examine our lives and repent of our sins. As we do so, let us be thankful that God the Son humbled himself, becoming man, to die for us on the Cross. And by the shedding of his precious blood, he obtained for us forgiveness of sins, and life with him forever. In remembrance of his death, and as a pledge of his love, Jesus instituted this holy sacrament, to our great and endless comfort.

You, then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, seek to live in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from now on in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort. But first, let us make our humble confession to almighty God.

(Please kneel or be seated)

**All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
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.**

Then the minister shall say,

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says unto all
that truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life.

(John 3:16)

Hear also what St Paul says.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1:15)

Hear also what St John says.

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 2:1-2)

The Eucharist

(Please remain kneeling or seated.)

Minister: The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Minister: It is indeed right it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory to you, O Lord Most High.**

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 Minister prays:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
who in your tender mercy gave your only Son
Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross
for our redemption;
who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world;
and who instituted, and in his holy gospel
commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until his coming again:
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that we who receive
these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers, by faith,
of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the night he was betrayed,
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 this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
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: 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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Hymn: The Blood Of Christ, Thy Spotless Lamb

William Pond 1819-1919

The blood of Christ, Thy spotless Lamb,
O God, is all my plea;
Naught else could for my sin atone;
I have no merit of my own,
Which I could bring to Thee,
Which I could bring to Thee.

No sacrifice save His who bore,
My load upon the tree,
No other plea which lips could frame,
No other blood, no other name,
Accepted is by Thee,
Accepted is by Thee.

Since Christ has entered by His blood,
The holiest on high;
By that same hallowed blood stained track,
Thou welcomest the sinner back,
And biddest me draw nigh,
And biddest me draw nigh.

Oh, wondrous cross! Oh precious blood!
Oh death by which I live!
The sinless One, for me made sin,
Doth now His wondrous heart within,
Eternal refuge give,
Eternal refuge give.

By that blest cross, that cleansing blood,
I know His power to save;
The merits of His work confess,
I stand in Him completely blessed,
A conqueror o'er the grave,
A conqueror o'er the grave.

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Hymn: It Is A Thing Most Wonderful

W. Walsham How 1823-1897

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful,
if he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

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Prayers 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.**

Announcements

The Blessing

The gathering ends with a blessing.

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.**

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

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

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

Mary Byrne 1880-1931

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Public Domain

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 the service you normally attend.
 If giving to the Ministry Workers Fund, please put **“MWF”**.

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

E-wallet

Scan the following QR code using any banking or e-wallet app (Touch n Go/GrabPay/Boost). Please ensure **“St Mary's Cathedral”** is listed as the payee.



St Mary's Cathedral Main Hall

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.

Giving via Pledge Envelopes

In recent years, the church giving system has moved from a pledge envelope system to an online giving system. Those who wish to remain contributing via pledge envelopes are advised to write their pledge numbers on any blank envelopes and drop them in the allocated boxes at church.

Giving to the Ministry Workers Fund

If you would like to give to the Ministry Workers Fund, please scan the following QR code using any banking or e-wallet app (Touch n Go/GrabPay/Boost). Please ensure “**MWF**” is listed as the payee.



MWF

Onsite and Online Services

Here are the details of our English onsite services on Sundays:

- Liturgical Services – 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 11am, 5pm

If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9am.

More information about our services can be found here:

stmarys.my/services.

Carparking

If you are attending any of the services or events at St Mary's Cathedral, please park at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark across the road.

The Cathedral Carpark is reserved for women travelling alone who may feel unsafe parking in the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark, people with young children who would find it hard to cross the road with them, and those who are elderly, or suffering from illness or disability who would then find it hard to walk from the carpark across the road.

If you fall into any of the categories above and wish to park in the Cathedral, please visit stmarys.my/booking to book a carpark on Sundays. There is also an option for you to indicate on the form that you would like to book a parking spot for 6 months. Your car plate number will then be given to the guards and you will be allowed in.

Bookings for carparking will open at 2pm on Sunday and close at noon on Friday.

If you miss a booking but you fall into any of the categories mentioned above and need to park in the Cathedral, you may request for a temporary paper form from the guard to allow you to park just for that day.

If you are parking in the Cathedral, please drive slowly and carefully for the sake of the safety of the many pedestrians in the Cathedral compound.

Community Meal

Next Community Meal: 15 December 2024

Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Parents may pick up their children after the 11am church services ends.

Please email kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my or speak to our Kids' Church teachers for further information.

Opportunities to Serve

Do you have a heart for service and a desire to be part of a vibrant community? St Mary's Cathedral is looking for dedicated people to help us in various roles. If you're a regular at the Cathedral and would like to lend a hand, we encourage you to register your interest today! Simply visit stmarys.my/serve to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

A Christmas Guest Event featuring the Grace Notes Choir - "Love, Peace, Joy, Hope"

Date: Sunday, 8 December 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

As we approach Christmas, often, the busyness and noise of the season overshadows its true meaning. There are many who have not heard of Jesus, whose birth we

celebrate, and those who may find Christmas-time particularly difficult.

Please do join us and invite that friend or loved one who needs to experience the Love, Peace, Joy and Hope, which comes only from knowing Jesus. Please register and secure your seat(s) here: stmarys.my/guestevent

“The Word One To One” Workshop

Please join us as Rev William Taylor, Rector of St Helen’s Bishopsgate, London, conducts a workshop on how to use the “The Word One To One” material. You can download the material for free here: <https://www.theword121.com>

- What is “The Word One To One”?
- Why is reading the Bible one-to-one worthwhile?
- How do we read the Bible one-to-one?
- Live demonstration of “The Word One To One” by William Taylor

Date: Sunday, 17 November 2024

Time: 2-4pm

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, St Mary’s Cathedral

CWF Talk: Rahab

How did a Canaanite prostitute become an ancestor of Jesus and a model of faith? Come and meet Rahab and the God who saved her.

Date: Saturday, 30 November 2024

Time: 10am-12pm (lunch to follow)

Venue: Lady Chapel, St Mary's Cathedral

Speaker: Judi Cheah

Donation: RM10 (for lunch)

Register here: stmarys.my/cwf

For more information, please contact Judi Cheah (012 375 7694).

Carolling

We are happy to share the Christmas Message with our brothers and sisters during this Christmas season. If you wish for the Carollers to come over to your place, please let us know by filling in the form at

stmarys.my/carolling.invite

Please find the list of areas that we are covering below. If your area is not mentioned here, please drop us a note and we will try our best to accommodate.

- 14 Dec – Ampang, Cheras, Kajang
- 15 Dec – Subang, Putra Heights, Puchong
- 21 Dec – Uptown, Petaling Jaya
- 22 Dec – Bangsar, Damansara

Should you need any further clarification, please feel free to drop a message to Joyce Cheah at 012 225 5277.

Golden Circle: Christmas High Tea

The SMC Golden Circle committee is cordially inviting all Seniors (50 & above) from our Cathedral to join us in this Christmas High Tea.

We are happy to inform you that we are arranging for our Seniors who are home-bound or not able to attend church to attend this event. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday, 14 December 2024

Time: 3-5pm

Venue: Multipurpose Hall

Come on over for a time of fun & fellowship over a cup of tea!

Please call Mrs Thilly Abraham at 017 816 6165 to register before Saturday, 30 November.

Job Opportunity: Chief Administrator

The Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the position of Chief Administrator in the Diocesan Office. For more information, please click [here](#).

Ministry Partners News 2024

We are excited to share this new annual booklet in which you can read about the ministries that take place in St Mary's Cathedral and learn about how you can be involved in this gospel partnership. Download the booklet here: stmarys.my/mpn

Personal Details Update

Thank you for being here with us at St Mary's Cathedral and we would like to get to know you better.

Here is a form to update your contact details on our church management system, for us to stay in touch with you. This will also help the pastoral and admin teams to have details of those whom we are seeking to serve.

stmarys.my/survey2024

Rest assured that we will be safeguarding the information and it will not be used for any commercial purposes.

Building Roof & External Walls

The main roof and external walls of the Cathedral are in need of major repairs to address leaks that are threatening the comfort and safety of the building. We will need to raise funds for the repair and restoration works. For more information on the extent of damage and works, and for occasional updates on the funds collected, please visit stmarys.my/building.

Seminars

Our website has a page dedicated to seminars that we ran in the past. Topics include gender identity, parenting, relationships and church history. If you would like to listen to or watch videos of these seminars, you can find them at stmarys.my/seminars.

Donation for Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers to commemorate occasions (such as anniversary, memorial, baptism, birthday), you can let us know by indicating on the spreadsheet on the notice board at the Cathedral entrance. Please send a WhatsApp message to Janet Chan (017 213 3418) and she will contact you to discuss the type, colour and cost of flowers. Payment for the flowers can be made by placing it in an envelope and writing on the envelope the purpose for the payment (in this case 'Flowers'). Please drop the envelope in one of the allocated collection boxes at church. If you would like a receipt to be issued to you, please write your name and contact number on the envelope, and we will send the receipt to you.

St Mary's Agape Mission School

St Mary's Agape Mission School is always on the lookout for volunteers or anyone looking to sponsor a refugee child's education for the short / long term. No prerequisites required.

For more information, please contact Dr Mei Tan at agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my

Update:

St Mary's Agape Mission School for Myanmar refugee children in Pandan Indah is very proud to announce that three of our students have graduated with a diploma in Industrial Business from Genovasi University College in Petaling Jaya.

They are Nau Nem, Anna Doh Tok and Frank Cong Ro Sang.

They were on full scholarship provided by Genovasi. Agape is very grateful to the College.

Equally good news is that they are all going on to complete their degrees in Industrial Business with full scholarship.

The school is grateful to all the teachers and staff of the school who through their dedication provided the foundation to these students and enabling them to progress to their Diplomas and their Degree programs.

Agape wishes them every success in their endeavours.

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 7.30am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine, please join us by simply going to stmarys.my/dailyoffice at about 7.25am each day for a 7.30am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish before 8am.

Pastoral Needs

If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to make an appointment to talk to a member of the

pastoral team, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect or call the Cathedral Office at 03 2692 8672.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 2091 4458.

Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community? We encourage you to consider joining one of our in-person or online small groups. This is one of the important ways we grow together as a community of God's people as we gather under his Word and seek to encourage one another to persevere in following Jesus.

If you would like to join a small group, please fill in a form at stmarys.my/smallgroups and we'd be happy to help find you one.

Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 9am in the GF3 room (the room between the Pantry and

the Old Office). If you would like to join us, please sign up at stmarys.my/youth.

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/youthbaptismconfirmation and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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.

Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

Here are the weekend parking rates (Saturday & Sunday):

12am-9.59am – RM 4.00 per entry

10am-11.59pm – RM 5.00 per entry

For more information on payment methods, you can find them at stmarys.my/dataran.

Car Sign for Road Closures

You can pick up a car sign at the back of the Jubilee Hall to let the police know that you are heading to the church and you will be let through in case there are road closures on Sundays. This is not an entry pass but simply a sign to facilitate communication with the police.

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.

Photography/Video Recordings during Services

Please note that taking photographs and/or recording videos are not allowed during our services without prior

permission. If you would like to have footage of the service, you may look up our [YouTube channel](#).

WhatsApp Announcement Groups

We have new WhatsApp announcement groups! Do join your service community to receive the appropriate updates on the goings-on here at the cathedral. You can join by clicking the links below. Only admins will be able to post and to see the phone numbers of everyone in the group. You will get the order of service for the congregation you are in each week (with all the announcements within the document). Admins will carefully limit the number of other announcements sent out to avoid overloading your WhatsApp inbox.



[Liturgical 7am](#)



[Liturgical 9am](#)



[Liturgical 11am](#)



[Liturgical Online](#)



[SMACC 1](#)



[SMACC 2](#)

Baptism

Please pray for Ng Lay Kuan (Patricia), Marcus Foo, Angel Emelife-Ejee and Queen Emelife-Ejee who will be baptised at the Liturgical 11am service today.

In Memoriam

Give thanks for the life of Mr Francis Kanyan Enchang who passed away on 19 November 2020. Thank God for his promise that all who depart in the faith of Christ rest now in peace and will surely rise in glory.