

# Holy Eucharist

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*Second Sunday of Advent*



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

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## Hymn: Thou Judge Of Quick And Dead

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788*

Thou Judge of quick and dead,  
Before whose bar severe,  
With holy joy, or guilty dread,  
We all shall soon appear:

Our anxious souls prepare  
For that tremendous day;  
And fill us now with watchful care,  
And stir us up to pray:

To pray, and wait the hour,  
That awful hour unknown,  
When, robed in majesty and power,  
Thou shalt from heaven come down.

Oh, may we all be found  
Obedient to Thy Word--  
Attentive to the trumpet's sound,  
And looking for our Lord!

Oh, may we thus ensure  
A lot among the blest;  
And watch a moment, to secure  
An everlasting rest!

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# Introduction

## Prayer of Preparation

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

**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.**

# The Commandments

*(Please remain kneeling or seated.)*

Hear now the commandments that God gave his people, Israel. And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

“Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

“You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour’s.”

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep your laws.**

# Collects

*Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent*

**All: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Collect for the First Sunday of Advent*

**All: Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 38:1-9, 17-23

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him <sup>3</sup> and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. <sup>4</sup> And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. <sup>5</sup> Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; <sup>6</sup> Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.

<sup>7</sup> “Be ready and keep ready, you and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. <sup>8</sup> After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and



now dwell securely, all of them. <sup>9</sup> You will advance, coming on like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

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<sup>17</sup> “Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them? <sup>18</sup> But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger. <sup>19</sup> For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. <sup>20</sup> The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground. <sup>21</sup> I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man’s sword will be against his brother. <sup>22</sup> With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and

sulphur. <sup>23</sup> So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

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

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

# Psalm 46

*(Please stand: the Psalm will be said responsively. At the 11 am service, parents may take their children to Kids' Church at this point.)*

*To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo.*  
*A Song.*

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of  
the sea,**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

**<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*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 20

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup> And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power,

but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were

judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

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

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

## Gospel Reading: John 11:17-27

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”



*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: The End Of The World**

## ***Revelation 20***

Background (Revelation 19)

### **The Millennium and the Last Battle (Revelation 20:1-10)**

The Historic Pre-Millennial View

Old Testament Background: Ezekiel 38-39

The Amillennial View

Conclusion

### **The Final Judgement (20:11-end)**

## **Implications**

# 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 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: And Will The Judge Descend?

*Philip Doddridge 1702-1751*

And will the Judge descend,  
And must the dead arise  
And not a single soul escape  
His all-discerning eyes?

And from His righteous lips  
Shall this dread sentence sound  
And thro' the num'rous guilty throng  
Spread black despair around:

"Depart from Me, accursed,  
To everlasting flame,  
For rebel angels first prepared,  
Where mercy never came?"

How will my heart endure  
The terrors of that Day  
When earth and heav'n before His face,  
Astonished, shrink away?

But ere that trumpet shakes  
The mansions of the dead,  
Hark from the Gospel's cheering sound  
What joyful tidings spread:

Ye sinners, seek His grace  
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;  
Fly to the shelter of His cross,  
And find salvation there.

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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).*

*Leader:* We pray for the nations of the world...

*prayers for the nations*

*prayers for our nation*

Lord Jesus, King of Kings,  
before you rulers will stand in silence.  
For you come to judge the earth.  
Maranatha:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus.**



*Leader:* We pray for the church throughout the world...

*prayers for the church in other nations*

*prayers for churches in our province and diocese*

*prayers for our cathedral*

Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your rule.

Maranatha:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who are sick or in grief...

*prayers for the sick and suffering*

*prayers for those who mourn the death of loved ones*

*(and thanksgiving for their lives)*

Hasten the day when sickness and death  
shall be no more,  
and there shall be no more mourning,  
or crying or pain,  
when the old order of things is done away.

Maranatha:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader:* Come to us from heaven,  
to lift us up to meet you,  
and to be with you in glory  
where you live and reign,  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Leader:* May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.

*All:* **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 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.**

*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.

And now we give you thanks  
because you sent him to redeem us  
from sin and death,  
and to make us heirs of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power  
and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may, with joy, behold his appearing,  
and in confidence may stand before him 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: Great God What Do I See And Hear

*Anonymous; William Bengo Collyer 1782-1854;*

*Alterer: Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823*

Great God what do I see and hear,  
the end of things created!  
The Judge of all the earth comes near  
on clouds of glory seated;  
The trumpet sounds, the graves restore  
the dead which they contained before,  
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him,  
Prepare, my soul, to meet him.

The dead in Christ shall first arise  
At that last trumpet's sounding,  
Caught up to meet Him in the skies  
With joy their Lord surrounding;  
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;  
His presence brings eternal day  
For those prepared to meet Him,  
For those prepared to meet Him.

But sinners, filled with guilty fears,  
Shall see His wrath prevailing;  
For they shall rise, and find their tears  
And sighs are unavailing:  
The day of grace is past and gone;  
They trembling stand before the throne  
All unprepared to meet Him.  
All unprepared to meet Him.

Great God, what do I see and hear:  
The end of things created!  
The Judge of all the earth comes near  
On clouds of glory seated:  
And at His cross I view the day  
When heav'n and earth shall pass away  
And thus prepare to meet Him,  
And thus prepare to meet Him

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# Hymn: That Day Of Wrath, That Dreadful Day

*Thomas of Celano (13th cent.)*

*tr. Walter Scott 1771-1832*

That day of wrath, that dreadful day,  
When Heav'n and earth shall pass away!  
What pow'r shall be the sinner's stay?  
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

When, shrivelling like a parchèd scroll,  
The flaming heav'ns together roll;  
When louder yet, and yet more dread;  
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead.

O on that day, that wrathful day  
When man to judgment wakes from clay,  
Be Thou the trembling sinner's stay,  
Though Heav'n and earth shall pass away.

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# Hymn: Jesu Thy Blood And Righteousness

*N.L. Von Zinzendorf 1700-1760*

Jesu, Thy blood and righteousness  
my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
for to my charge who aught shall lay?  
Fully absolved through thee I am,  
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Jesu, be endless praise to Thee,  
whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
for me a full atonement made,  
an everlasting ransom paid.

Ah! give to all thy servants, Lord,  
with power to speak thy gracious word  
that all who to thy wounds will flee  
may find eternal life in thee.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;  
their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesu, Thy blood and righteousness.

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# Prayers 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: 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:* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from your path,  
and make you ready to meet him  
when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God Almighty:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon 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: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

*Edward Mote 1797-1874*

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found:  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

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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](https://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.



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## **Onsite and Online Services**

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

- Liturgical Services – 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 9am, 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](http://stmarys.my/services).

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## **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](http://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.

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## **Community Meal**

Next Community Meal: 15 December 2024

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## **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](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my) or speak to our Kids' Church teachers for further information.

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## 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](http://stmarys.my/serve) to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

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## Christmas and New Year Services

We invite you to join us for our services this Christmas, as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Information on our Christmas and New Year services can be found on this webpage: [stmarys.my/christmas](http://stmarys.my/christmas)

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## **Kids' Christmas Eve Service**

St Mary's Cathedral invites you to our annual Kids' Christmas Eve service, 'Born Is The King!'. Families and guests, please join us for a fun-filled service, where we'll get to see familiar faces of our very own members of Kids' Church participating in service!

Date: Tuesday, 24 December 2024

Time: 5.00-6.30 pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral KL

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## **Ushers for Christmas Services**

We are looking for ushers to help at our Christmas services. If you are able to help, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect)

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## **Hope Explored**

Hope Explored is a 3-session course that helps you to explore the great longings in life: for hope, for peace and for purpose. Do join us to find out what the gospel of Luke says about these longings.

Please join us in-person for 3 Sunday afternoons from 5 January 2025, at 1.30 pm. A simple lunch will be served. You can register using the form here:

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

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## **The Cathedral Electoral Roll**

### **Joining the Electoral Roll**

We encourage all our baptised and confirmed members who come regularly to our church to be on our Electoral Roll. Joining the Electoral Roll will enable you to vote at our Annual General Meetings (AGM).

If you would like to sign up to be on the roll, please fill in the form here: [stmarys.my/electoralroll.enrolment](https://stmarys.my/electoralroll.enrolment)

The electoral roll for 2025 will close on 31 December 2024.

### **Notice of revision of roll**

The Electoral Roll shall be revised annually by the Dean in accordance with Schedule B of the Constitution of Diocese of West Malaysia. Notice is hereby given that the intended revision will begin on 1 January 2025.

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

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/survey2024)

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

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

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

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## 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.

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## **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](mailto:agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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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 7.30am 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](https://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.

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## **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](https://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.

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/smallgroups) and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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

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## 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](http://stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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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](http://stmarys.my/subscribe).

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## 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](http://stmarys.my/dataran).

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## 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.

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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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## **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](#).

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# 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](#)

## **Pastoral Staff Leave**

Dean Andrew Cheah is on leave from 10-11 December, 13-14 December, 17-19 December and 21 December 2024.