

Holy Eucharist

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The First Sunday of Lent



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

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Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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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

(Please remain kneeling or seated)

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

**All: Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-11

(Please be seated)

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will
happen.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

⁹ All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they
delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor
know, that they may be put to shame. ¹⁰ Who fashions a
god or casts an idol that is profitable for nothing?

¹¹ Behold, all his companions shall be put to shame, and
the craftsmen are only human. Let them all assemble, let
them stand forth. They shall be terrified; they shall be put
to shame together.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-13

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

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear
him;**

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ **As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

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: Ephesians 1:3-10

(Please be seated)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things 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: John 5:19-24

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² The Father judges no one, but has given all judgement to the Son, ²³ that all may honour the Son, just as they honour the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life.

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: One God, Father Almighty (Nicene Creed 1)

Introduction: Why Theology Matters

1) Theology Messed up by Arius

What he taught.

What went wrong.

2) Theology Rightly Revealed in Christ

The Eternal Son reveals the Eternal Father (John 1:1-2,18)

3) Theology that helps us know God

i) We believe in One God,

ii) The Father Almighty,

iii) Maker of Heaven and Earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

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. You may give cash in the offertory bags or use the QR code provided. If you are a regular who is already giving online, or you are a visitor to the Cathedral, please feel free to pass the offertory bag along without embarrassment.

Offertory Hymn: This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:

O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:

Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!

God reigns; let earth be glad!

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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 'accept our offerings and' may be left out if a collection is not taken during the hymn before the prayers or if a collection was taken and an appropriate prayer has already been said by the minister).*

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 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.

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: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Claudia Frances Hernaman, 1838-1898

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always live
By your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passion-tide,
Forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us that when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

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Hymn: We Sing The Praise Of Him Who Died

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855

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

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

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

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

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

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Hymn: Lead Us Heavenly Father

James Edmeston, 1791-1867

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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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.**

Announcements

The Blessing

The gathering ends with a blessing.

Minister: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
take up your cross,
and follow him;
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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm, 1866-1960

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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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 (Wisma Anglican), 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.

Cathedral Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms at 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!

Community Meal at the Cathedral

Next Community Meal: 9 March 2025

Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a course that helps you to explore who the God of the Bible is and what he says about life's meaning and purpose.

We invite you to join us for 8 Sundays, 2-4 pm, starting from 16 March 2025. Lunch is provided at 1.30 pm. The course will be held in room GF2 (Old Office) at St Mary's Cathedral.

Please visit stmarys.my/findoutmore for more details on how to register.

Being Anglican Course (Part 2 of the Adult Confirmation Programme)

The next round of part 2 of the Cathedral's Adult Confirmation Programme, 'Being Anglican', will run for 4 Saturdays (15 March, 22 March, 29 March, 5 April),

10.30am-12.30pm, in the Old Office Room (Ground Floor) at St Mary's Cathedral.

If you are 18 and above and are interested in being confirmed, then please let us know at stmarys.my/adultconfirmation. You should have completed Just for Starters as part 1 of your confirmation preparation. If you have already done 'Just for Starters' (Part 1), let us know on the form and we will enrol you in the 'Being Anglican' course.

Belonging

Belonging is our orientation programme for people who have recently started coming to our services. If you are new with us, please do come along to find out more about our church, what it means to belong to God's kingdom, and how this is expressed in our local church.

Date: Saturday, 22 March 2025

Time: 10am-3pm (Lunch provided)

Location: 1st Floor Chapel, St Mary's Cathedral KL

Register: stmarys.my/belonging

Please register by Wednesday, 19 March 2025)

The Nicene Creed Seminar

Join us for a unique seminar celebrating the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Learn how it became a defining moment for the Church's faithfulness as we trace its lasting significance through history. And come discover how its theology and message remain a vital echo in our Christian heritage today.

Date: Sunday, 23 March 2025

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, St Mary's Cathedral

Speaker: Kevin Phang

SMAGLOW 2025

SMAGLOW, our camp for the English congregations of the Cathedral, is happening from 1-3 May 2025 at Port Dickson Methodist Centre. To register and for more information, please visit our website at stmarys.my/smaglow.

Fridays in Lent

We invite you to join us for our Friday Evening Lenten Service from 7 March to 11 April, at 7.30pm. These Zoom services will follow the Order for Evening Prayer for each of the respective Fridays.

Our reflection will be from the Book of Homilies of the Anglican Church in modern English, which includes teachings on The Fear of Death, Obedience to Authorities, Adultery and Sexual Sin, Strife and Contention, The Reading of Holy Scripture and The Misery of All Mankind. A Lenten hymn will also be included that will help us to reflect on the love and mercy of God who sent his Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

Please use this link to join our Friday Evening Lenten Service: stmarys.my/fridaysinlent

Lenten Meditation – ‘At The Foot Of The Cross’

Each year, the Diocese of West Malaysia produces a booklet called ‘At The Foot Of The Cross’ to help us reflect on the cross during the Lent season. The notes this year work through the Gospel of John (chapters 16-21), 1 John,

2 John and 3 John – starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

Click [here](#) to download the PDF copy of this year's booklet.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is scheduled to be held in April.

More details will become available over the next couple of weeks.

Only electoral roll members and a few non-voting helpers are invited to attend the AGM. You are entitled to come to the AGM and to vote if you joined the electoral roll before it closed on 31 December 2024.

If you would like to check your status on the Electoral Roll, please call the office at 03 2692 8672 during office hours from 7 until 21 March 2025 to make sure your name is there, and your details are up to date. It is especially important that people who think they enrolled last year check that their names are actually there.

A copy of the Electoral Roll as revised by the Dean will be posted at the entrance of the Jubilee Hall, MPH and Lady

Chapel on 28 March 2025. No name shall be entered and deleted from the Electoral Roll from 28 March 2025 and the close of the Annual General Meeting.

Young Adults Fellowship AGM

The Young Adults Fellowship Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 27 March at 1pm in the Sam Abraham Library (after SMACC 1). All Young Adults of the Cathedral who are on the electoral roll and aged 18 to 35 are invited to attend.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF) AGM

The CWF AGM is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 5 April 2025, 10am in the MPH. All women who are on our Cathedral's electoral roll are invited to attend.

Please register at: stmarys.my/cwf.agm by 2 April.

The AGM report will be shared with you when it is ready. For more information, please contact Joyce Cheah (012 225 5277) or Regina Robin (012 506 8854).

UCAWC Easter Tea Bash

The Upper Central Archdeaconry Women's Committee is planning an Easter Tea Bash.

Date: Saturday, 26 April 2025

Time: 3pm

Venue: MPH, St Mary's Cathedral

Speaker: Judi Cheah

Registration: Donation of a minimum RM5

More details will be shared soon.

2025 DWC Conference

The Diocesan Women's Council is organising its 54th Conference.

Date: 20-22 June 2025

Venue: Mercure Living, Putrajaya

Speaker: Dss. June Marshall

Price: RM360 per pax for twin room sharing

For those who are interested, please contact Joyce Cheah (012 225 5277) or Regina Robin (012 506 8854). More details to come.

Join Our Ushering Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers for our 7am, 9am & 11am Liturgical services. Ushers play a vital role in welcoming people, assisting with seating, and ensuring a smooth flow during the service.

Serving as an usher is more than just a practical role as it is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love by extending hospitality, to serve the body of Christ with joy, and to help create an environment where people can worship God without distraction.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect. We would love to have you join us in this ministry!

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/survey

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

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.

Carparking for Cathedral Services

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.

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

Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark Payment Changes

Please be informed that there have been changes to the payment system at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark. The Pay&Go app can no longer be used for payment. Instead, you now have three options to pay for parking:

- 1) Kiosks in the Carpark – Accepts cashless payments only.
- 2) QR Code Payment – Scan the QR codes available near the kiosks to pay online.
- 3) Pay Upon Exit – Use your credit card to pay at the exit.

We encourage everyone to take note of these changes and plan accordingly.

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](#).

Friendly Reminder for Parents

For the safety of younger children, we kindly ask parents to ensure they are supervised at all times while on church grounds. Please do not leave them unattended.

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](#)



[SMACC Wisma](#)

Baptism

Please pray for Abigail Ngai who will be baptised at the Liturgical 11am service and Melody Yan who will be baptised at the SMACC 2 service today.