

Holy Eucharist

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Palm Sunday



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

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Hymn: All Glory, Laud And Honour

Theodulph of Orlean (821), tr J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

*All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd one:

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

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The minister greets the people.

Minister: Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’

Matthew 21:5

Of the Son, God says,
‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of your
kingdom.’

Hebrews 1:8

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-12

All: **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Prayer of Preparation

All: Almighty God,
who gave your only Son
to suffer death for our redemption,
grant that as we outwardly worship you
by recalling the entry of your Son to Jerusalem,
we might also serve you inwardly
with pure devotion,
cleaving steadfastly to the gospel of our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collects for the Day

Collect for Palm Sunday

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow
the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-13

(Please be seated.)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow;

I have made Ephraim its arrow.

I will stir up your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

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 7:9-17

(Please be seated.)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with
his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 12:12-19

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see

that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

At the end of the reading the reader shall say:

This is the Gospel of Christ

All shall respond:

Praise to Christ our Lord

Sermon: The Meaning Of Palm Sunday

John 12:12-19

1. Who really is Jesus? (v12-15)
2. Disciples' Lack of Understanding (v16)
3. Bearing Witness about the King (v17-19)

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand.)

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Prayers for the nations of the world and our own nation:

Leader: O God, our creator and preserver, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

(Especially we pray for ...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

Prayers for the church throughout the world and our own church:

Leader: We pray for your Church throughout the world: guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

(Especially we pray for ...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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 (please avoid physical touch while doing so in this time.)

Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.

O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need,
his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

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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 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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jeannette Threlfall (1821-1880)

Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

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Hymn: Glory Be To Jesus

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the life blood
from his sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find,
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
doth the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs;

Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts, rejoicing,
make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

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Hymn: It Is A Thing Most Wonderful

William 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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Hymn: O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head

Henry Ernest Hardy (1869-1946)

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.

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 crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be 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: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!

H. H. Milman (1791-1868)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign.

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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: 14 April 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.

Passion Week and Easter Services

We invite you to join us for our services this coming Passion Week and Easter, as we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Information on our services can be found on our Easter webpage:

stmarys.my/easter

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 27 April 2024 at 10.30am in the Multi-Purpose Hall, St Mary's Cathedral.

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 2023.

If you would like to check your status on the Electoral Roll, please call the office at 03 2692 8672 during office hours from 25 until 30 March 2024 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 within the porch of the Cathedral on 12 April 2024. No name shall be entered and deleted from the Electoral Roll from 12 April 2024 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, 14 April 2024 at 1.45pm in the Sam Abraham's Library (after community lunch). All

Young Adults of the Cathedral who are on the electoral roll and aged 18 to 35 are invited to attend.

Golden Circle Fund Raising Breakfast Sale

The Golden Circle Breakfast Sale is scheduled for Sunday, 7 April 2024. This will be a Fund Raising Breakfast Sale and the proceed will be channelled to the Refugee School Project.

We will be serving home-cooked Nasi Lemak, Mee Hoon, Thosai and Coconut Apam. Please do come and patronize our breakfast corner and support this worthy cause.

Diocesan Golden Circle AGM / Fellowship

This is to inform that the 33rd Diocesan Golden Circle AGM / Fellowship will be held from 16-18 August 2024 at Cititel Hotel Penang.

Registration as follows:

Single – RM 580

Twin Sharing – RM 380

If you are interested to attend, please register with Mrs Thilly Abraham at 017 816 6165 by 30 April.

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 1-15 and 20:1-10) – starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

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

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.

Hot Cross Buns and Easter Flowers Donation

If you would like to make a donation to help with the purchase of Hot Cross Buns and Easter Flowers, please place your donation in an envelope and write on it the purpose for the donation (in this case 'Hot Cross Buns' or 'Easter 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.

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.

Golden Circle: Chair Exercise

The Golden Circle conducts a fitness programme for seniors at the Cathedral. Movements consist of chair exercises to strengthen and tone muscles, improve balance, improve lung function, and improve circulation and cardiac function.

Day: Fridays

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Venue: MPH

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 contact Janet Chan (017 213 3418) for 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 now in its 10th year of operation and currently has over 100 students. As such, the school is always on the lookout for volunteers who might be keen to teach the children. If you have a heart for seeing vulnerable children receive an education and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mei Tan at 012 387 3408. (Retired teachers are preferred.)

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9am-12pm and/or 1-3pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

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 011 5760 3484.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 5762 8524.

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.

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.



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[SMACC 1](#)



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