

SMACC Service

1 January 2025 | 11am



Welcome & Prayer

Song: Live For The Kingdom

Hear the good news repent and believe
Follow the Saviour and everything leave
Taking the yoke that's easy and light
Dressed for the battle equipped for the fight
Learn from the master to sacrifice all
Gladly obeying His call

*Now is the moment the day of salvation
This is the hour to be serving the King
Bearing the gospel go to the nations
Now is the time for our tribute to bring
And live for the kingdom
And give God the glory and honour and praise
Live for the kingdom all of our days*

Love one another care for the lost
Learn to live simply and carry your cross
Jesus is near so stand and be strong
Lift up your hearts in the victory song
When you're mistreated be certain to bless
Seeking His righteousness

Learn to pray daily Your kingdom come
And may Your will on this earth soon be done
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Strengthen us while in these bodies we live
So we might work for that glorious day
When sin and death pass away

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Prayer of Confession

All: **Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song: O Come All You Unfaithful

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

*Christ is born Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has done

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The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Greeting Time

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-16

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD

your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did

not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² **O men, how long shall my honour be turned into shame?**

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ **Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

**⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

**⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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: James 4:1-10

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song: My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

When the enemy surrounds
And my heart grows faint within
When the darkness overwhelms
And my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You O Lord
In the silence I will wait
I will stand upon Your Word

*You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You*

You're my stronghold and my shield
In the midst of every threat
Though the wicked never yield
They will vanish like a breath
Yes I know the outcome's sure
Satan's evil plans will fail
In Your power I'm secure

*You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken
My refuge and my sure foundation
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You*

This is love I can't explain
This is mercy unreserved
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved
For the battle has been won
And I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone

Pouring out our hearts before You
We will trust in You
Perfect Savior strong Defender
We will trust in You

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Sermon

Psalm 4

Song: Nearer My God To Thee

Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Though like the wanderer the sun gone down
Darkness be over me my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n
Angels to beckon me nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Then with my waking tho'ts bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise
So by my woes to be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky
Sun moon and stars forgot upward I fly
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee nearer to Thee

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Ministry Updates

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

Song: Servants Of The Gospel

Though we were undeserving
Christ died to wash us clean
He bore the Father's anger
While nailed upon the tree
In darkness and in turmoil
The judgment fell on Him
Bringing us forgiveness
That new life might begin

*As servants of the gospel
Christ's work we carry on
That through our prayer and witness
By grace we might win some
We call on every nation
To turn to Christ the Lord
Refuge in His mercy
And marvel at His love*

The grave could not contain Him
From death the Son broke free
Exalted by His Father
To rule eternally
And in His grace He calls us
To be His chosen church
As His holy temple
His priests to all the earth

Marked with His Holy Spirit
And guided by His word
Christ gathers us together
Prepares us for good works
And so with grace apportioned
We serve each others needs
Sharing in each blessing
And helping in our grief

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Closing and Grace

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

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

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

Connect with us

Thank you for joining our service. If you would like for us to get in touch with you, or have any feedback for us, please fill in our Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect.

Giving

Online transfer

Bank name: **Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd**

Account name: **St Mary's Cathedral**

Account number: **312 142 334 691**

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter ***your 3-digit pledge number***.
 Otherwise, enter the service you normally attend.
 If giving to the Ministry Workers Fund, please put **“MWF”**.

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

E-wallet

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



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Note: This method of giving is analogous to putting cash into the offertory bag/box. Your donation will go to the General Fund. You will not be given a receipt. Do not use this to give a pledge.

Details on our webpage: stmarys.my/give.

Giving via Pledge Envelopes

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

Giving to the Ministry Workers Fund

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



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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

Tuesday Night Training

Tuesday Night Training (TNT) is a good and systematic way for all of us to keep studying God's Word and to be trained for ministry. The first term for 2025 begins on 21 January.

Online theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, New Testament 1 and New Testament 2. These courses are offered in partnership with Equip Seminary.

If you are new to TNT, we encourage you to consider taking our Bible Overview course. This is a great way to learn how the whole Bible fits together and points to Jesus.

Find out more about the courses and register here:

stmarys.my/tnt

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Rt. Rev. Dr. Jason Selvaraj on 11 January 2025 at 4pm, at the Pro Cathedral Of Christ Church, Melaka.

If you would like to attend the memorial service, please RSVP here by 7 January 2025: stmarys.my/jason