

# SMACC Service

15 May 2022 | 11.30 am, 5.00 pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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# The Nicene Creed

*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.**

## Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-8

<sup>1</sup> And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani,

Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

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

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

# Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> **but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so,**

**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*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: 2 Tim 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.



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

# **Sermon: Gospel-Centred Ministry: Faithful Bible Teaching**

## **1. Gospel Foundations**

- a. Jesus is Lord
- b. Jesus and the Bible

## **2. The Nature of the Bible**

- a. The Bible is God's Word
- b. The Bible is sufficient for salvation and godliness

## **3. The Bible and Ministry**

- a. Faithful Bible teaching is at the heart of Gospel ministry
- b. Faithful Bible teaching is not sufficient

## **Song: Where Else Have We To Go**

We have come to see  
To know and understand  
Things the very angels long to see  
God who owed us nothing  
Has spoken to us all  
Christ the Word of God Himself has been

*Where else have we to go  
When You alone have words of eternal life  
Where else have we to go  
When You alone have words of eternal life*

Words of truth passed down  
To those entrusted few  
Who witnessed and proclaimed Him Christ the Lord  
We are their descendants  
On us the light has dawned  
Standing in the gospel we first heard

Come all you who labour  
You who are weighed down  
You who thirst and hunger for the right  
There is truth and meaning  
Mercy rest and hope  
True salvation comes through Jesus Christ

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# 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.**

# Prayer of Confession

*All:* **Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,  
We admit that we have sinned against you  
In thought, speech and action,  
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 enable us to serve and please you  
in a fresh way,  
To the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## **Song: How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say to you than he has said  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition in sickness and health  
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth  
At home or abroad, on the land, on the sea  
As days may demand, shall your strength ever be

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed!  
I, I am your God and will still give you aid  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie  
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes  
That soul, though all Hell should endeavour to shake  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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# The Lord's Supper

*The Minister prays:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that in your love and mercy,  
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
to die on the cross for our redemption.

We thank you that by offering himself once for all,  
he made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin  
and completely satisfied your holiness,  
justice and love.

And he instructed us to remember his death together  
until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father,  
and grant that by your Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink this bread and wine,  
according to our Lord's command  
may remember his death for us with faith,  
trusting in him alone for our salvation  
and so share in his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed, he 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 from this, all of you; for 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 Minister says:*

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

# Announcements

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

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## 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 **Online Service** or the service you normally attend.

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

### Boost e-wallet

Scan the following QR code using the Boost App. Be sure to confirm "St Mary's Cathedral" is listed as the payee.



## St Mary's Cathedral

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

Details on our webpage: [stmarys.my/give](https://stmarys.my/give)

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## Onsite & Online Services

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

- Liturgical Services – 7.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 11.30 am, 5.00 pm

If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9.00 am, and the SMACC service at 11.30 am.

More information about our services can be found here: [stmarys.my/services](https://stmarys.my/services)

You no longer need to book to come for services at the Cathedral. However, you can still use the booking page to book a carpark at the Cathedral, if you need to. You can book at: [stmarys.my/booking](https://stmarys.my/booking). If you are parking at the Dataran Merdeka Carpark, you do not need to book a carpark. Carparking is free. Bookings for carparking will open at 2.00 pm on Sunday and close at noon on Friday.

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## **Onsite Service Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our onsite services. If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to volunteer, please fill in the form at [stmarys.my/volunteer](https://stmarys.my/volunteer)

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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.

After Hope Explored, you will continue your journey with Christianity Explored, a 7-session course that helps you to explore further who Jesus is and what He came to do for you and how He gives meaning and purpose to your life.

The course started on 1 May, but you can still register by 1.00 pm this Sunday if you would like to join the course at 2.00 pm. Please visit [stmarys.my/findoutmore](https://stmarys.my/findoutmore) for more details on how to register.

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## Gender Identity – Zoom Seminar

What does the Bible say about issues regarding gender identity, and how should we as Christians respond to these issues? Join us on Zoom this Wednesday, 18 May, at 8.00 pm, as Canon Sam Allberry shows us how to navigate conversations about gender identity. Please register for this Zoom seminar at [stmarys.my/genderidentity](https://stmarys.my/genderidentity)

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# 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 second term for 2022 begins on 7 June.

Theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, Christian Worship and Doctrine 2. There is also a Ministry Skills course entitled 'So Many Question - Part 1' which will begin at the same time.

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.

All our courses for this term will be online (Zoom). Find out more about the courses and register here:

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

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## **St Mary's Agape Mission School**

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> 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 on 012 387 3408.

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and/or 1.00 – 3.00 pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

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## **Diocesan Youth Council – Leadership Training Programme**

The Diocesan Youth Council is organising a training for youth and young adult leaders in May. Find out from Paul's letter to Titus how God's grace shapes the way we live our lives and what godly leadership looks like.

Date: Saturday, 21 May 2022

Time: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Venue: St Paul's Church, Petaling Jaya and on Zoom

Speaker: Rev Vijendra Daniel

Link to register: [bit.ly/DYC2022Leaders2](https://bit.ly/DYC2022Leaders2)

(registration closes at 12.00 pm on Thursday, 19 May)

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## **Diocesan Women's Conference**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Women's Conference 2022 will be held as follows:

Date : 17 – 19 June 2022

Venue : City Bayview Hotel, Penang

Fees : Registration by 30 April 2022

RM 480 (Single)

RM 350 (Twin)

(Surcharge RM 20 after 30 April 2022)

Please contact Joyce Cheah (012 225 5277) for registration and further details.

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## **Strategic Evangelism Workshop**

As Christians we're called to be ambassadors for Christ – some of us find that exciting, others find it daunting and some wonder where to start!

Christianity Explored Malaysia, in partnership with Gospel City Network, is organizing an online training workshop to think through the motivation, message and methods of strategic evangelism.

Date: Saturday, 21 May 2022

Time: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Meeting: Online via Zoom

Trainer: Rev Tim Nicholls, St George's Penang

Link to register: [ceministries.org.my/events](https://ceministries.org.my/events)

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## The Daily Office

We invite you to join us for the Daily Office - a short daily service with systematic Bible readings and set prayers. This will take place every day at 7.30 am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine, please join us by simply going to [stmarys.my/dailyoffice](https://stmarys.my/dailyoffice) at about 7.25 am each day for a 7.30 am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish before 8.00 am.

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## Cathedral Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be having our Zoom prayer meeting at 8.00 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Please join us as we pray for our church and one another. You can join this prayer meeting at [stmarys.my/prayermeeting](https://stmarys.my/prayermeeting)

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## Pastoral 'Clinics'

In addition to whatever ways of contacting the pastoral team that are already available, Rev Gordon Kong is also available on Thursdays between 9.00 am – 12.00 pm, if you would like to talk to a pastor. If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to book a half hour appointment slot with Rev Gordon, please call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484 by the previous day.

If you are a woman and there are pastoral matters you need to talk about with another woman, you can contact Mrs Christine Rajaratnam or Miss Danielle Cheng. If you would like one of them to contact you, please fill in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office to arrange an appointment.

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## Small Groups

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

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

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## Kids' Church

Kids' Church meets online every week at the following times:

- 3-4 year olds on Sunday at 10.00 am
- 5-6 year olds on Sunday at 9.00 am
- 7-9 year olds on Saturday at 2.00 pm
- 10-12 year olds on Sunday at 2.00 pm

If you would like to enrol your child or find out more about Kids' Church, please visit [stmarys.my/kids](https://stmarys.my/kids)

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## Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up at [stmarys.my/youth](http://stmarys.my/youth)

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## Subscribe to our Mailing List

To receive emails about latest updates and important news about the Cathedral, fill in the form at [stmarys.my/subscribe](http://stmarys.my/subscribe)

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## Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

There is currently free parking at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark until further notice. Please take note that this free parking is available to the public and therefore, no special pass from the Cathedral is needed to park there. If anyone requires you to pay for parking, please take a picture or video of the incident and forward it to [office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my).

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## Work Care Panel

We have a panel to help our Cathedral community look for work or advise about work and training opportunities. If you're looking for work and wouldn't mind a helping hand, fill in our Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect), indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.

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## Pastoral Emergencies

If you or someone you know is finding this time a particularly challenging one, or would like someone to pray with you, please do call one of your leaders or congregational pastors. Please also remember that you can use our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline on 011 5762 8524.