

SMACC Service

17 April 2022 | 9.00 am, 11.30 am, 5.00 pm



Welcome & Prayer

Song: In Jesus' Name We Trust

Lift your hearts and sing together
To our Lord Emmanuel
God has come to us forever
To our hearts to dwell
He has come in flesh to save us
Living Word Incarnate Son
Come to bring us to the Father
Come to make us one

*So in Jesus' name we trust
As today we put our faith in Him
And we sing the praise of Him who died
To save us from our sins*

You who were before the ages
Full of glory truth and grace
You alone have known the Father
And beheld His face
Yet in You we meet His fullness
Through the open heaven above
In Your cross we see His suffering
Know the Father's love

Give us ears to hear You clearly
Give us minds to understand
That You are the world's Messiah
Suffering Son of Man
Risen Lord come now and feed us
With the bread of Your true voice
Give us grace to seize Your Word
Believe You and rejoice

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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.**

Kids' Spot

(only at the 11.30 am service)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Glad songs of salvation**

are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ **The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

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.**

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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Gospel Steadfastness In Life's Storms

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

[Big Idea]: We hold fast to the Gospel because it is essential, vicarious, and powerful

1. The Importance of the Gospel (v1-2)

[Principle] The Gospel is essential to our endurance

2. The Definition of the Gospel (v3-4)

[Principle] The Gospel vicariously unites us with Christ's Death and Resurrection

3. The Strength of the Gospel (v5-11)

[Principle] The Gospel is powerfully transformative

Song: Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

He's alive He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive
Now in heaven glorified

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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: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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

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

Onsite & Online Services

Here are the details of our English onsite services on Sundays, beginning from Easter Sunday (17 April):

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

If you would like to book to come, you can do so at stmarys.my/booking. Bookings will open at 2.00 pm on Sunday and will close at noon on Friday or when all the seats are taken, whichever comes first. If you find it hard to book online, you can call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484 during office hours and Mrs Nesamani will help with the booking. **You will need to have a confirmed booking before you can come on Sunday.**

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

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

Easter Services

We invite you to join our online services this Easter, as we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Information on our Easter services can be found on our Easter webpage: stmarys.my/easter

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.

Please join us online for these 10 sessions which will begin on Sunday, 1 May 2022, at 2.00 pm. You can register using the form here: stmarys.my/findoutmore

Youth Confirmation Programme

Our Youth Confirmation Programme for teenagers aged 13-17 will begin on 14 May 2022, 2.00 – 3.30 pm on Saturdays. If you would like to find out more about what Youth Confirmation is and what it is for, here's an [article](#) that you may find helpful.

To register for this 10-week programme on Zoom, please visit stmarys.my/youthconfirmation

Job Opportunity: Finance Officer

We are looking for someone to play a key role in the financial administration of the Cathedral. For more information regarding this job opportunity, please follow this link to our job posting on JobStreet:

stmarys.my/financeofficer

Diocesan Hymn-Writing Competition

The Diocesan Men's Council is hosting a hymn-writing competition to encourage the singing of locally composed hymns in our churches.

All brothers and sisters from the Anglican church in Malaysia are welcome to join the competition.

Closing date for registration: 30 April 2022.

Further information about the competition can be found here: <http://anglicanwestmalaysia.org.my/hymn-2022>

Diocesan Women's Conference

The 51st 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.

Scholarship

Malaysian CARE, in partnership with Sunway Education Group, gives students from underprivileged backgrounds access to a tertiary education through scholarship.

For more information or to apply, please contact Nicolle at 03 9212 0162 (ext 505) / 017 599 1966 or email communications@malaysiancare.org

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 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.

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

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 or call the Cathedral Office to arrange an appointment.

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 and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.