SMACC Service

17 March 2024 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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Welcome & Prayer

Song: All Praise To Him

All praise to Him the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen In Christ the Son the servant King Who left behind His glorious throne To pay the ransom for His own All praise to Him Who humbly came To bear our sorrow sin and shame Who lived to die Who died to rise The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness
To Father Son and Spirit now
Our souls we lift our wills we bow
To You the Triune God we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

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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: By This We Know Love

God of all Creation

Lord of heaven's light

Descended into evil's darkest night

Infinitely Holy

Your perfections know no end

Selflessly You died my rightful death

By this we know love
That He laid down His life
God's very own Son
Came from Heaven to die
Suspended He hung
As He shed His own blood
What grace in His pardon
By this we know love

Forsaken man of sorrows
Hated by all men
You willingly surrendered for my sin
Scornfully derided
Yet in silence stumbling on
Bearing wrath for all that I've done wrong

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The Apostles' Creed (SMACC 1)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, All: 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.

Baptism (SMACC 2)

The Declaration

Minister:

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, N, I ask you these questions:

Minister: Do you turn to Christ?

Candidate: I turn to Christ.

Minister: Do you repent of your sins?

Candidate: I repent of my sins.

Minister: Do you renounce evil?

Candidate: I renounce evil.

Minister:

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?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe and trust in his Son,

Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?

All: 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.

Minister: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

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.

Prayer by Minister

The Baptism

Minister: N, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Charge

Minister:

I sign you with the cross the sign of Christ.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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.

Minister:

God has received you into his church:

All:

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.

Prayer

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

Of David.

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
 - and his righteousness to children's children,
- ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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: Matthew 17:14-23

¹⁴ And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, ¹⁵ said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." 17 And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

²² As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Greeting Time

Song: In His Name

The prophets saw in ages past
Light in the distant dawn
The King is bound in agony
Will rise to life again
And in His name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan

The Son of God now in the flesh
He seeks to save the lost
A King who left His majesty
Behind to set us free
And in His name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan

And O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praises
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His Spirit gives us words to speak
Jesus Christ is Lord
And as He breaks the hardest heart
He's worshipped and adored
And in His name a saving word
Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard
This is God's only plan
This is God's only plan

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Sermon: The Power Of True Faith

Matthew 17:14-23

Introduction

- Faith is Blind?
- Faith is Fuel?
- Faith is Trust.

1. Missing Faith (v14-18)

- The scene (v14-16)
- Faithless and twisted (v17-18)

Principle 1: Faithlessness is fatal.

2. Mistaken Faith (v19-20a)

- Why can't WE do it? (v19)
- Because of little faith (v20a)

Principle 2: Faith fixes our eyes on Christ.

3. Mustard-seed Faith (v20b-23)

- Mustard Seed faith (v20b)
- Promised Resurrection (v22-23)

Principle 3: Faith is empowered by the truth of God's promises.

[Main Idea] True Faith is trusting God based on His truth.

(If you have questions regarding the sermon, please submit at stmarys.my/ask)

Song: By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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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.

Q&A

Announcements

Song: There Is One Gospel

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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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 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

E-wallet

Scan the following QR code using any e-wallet app (Touch n Go/GrabPay/Boost). Please ensure "St Mary's Cathedral" is listed as the payee.



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.

Onsite and Online Services

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

Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF) AGM

The CWF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 10am physically in the MPH. All Women of the Cathedral are invited to attend.

Please register at: stmarys.my/cwf.agm by Thursday, 21 March 2024.

A copy of the AGM report will be sent to you upon registration. Limited hardcopies of the AGM report will also be available at the church foyer.

For more information, please contact Joyce Cheah at 012 225 5277 or Joyce Peter at 016 320 3246.

Golden Circle AGM

Please be informed that the St Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle AGM will be held on Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 11.30am at the MPH. All electoral roll members above the age of 50 are invited to attend this AGM. Notice and Agenda of the meeting can be collected from our committee members in your respective service.

Please call the office at 03 2692 8672 to register your attendance. Thank you.

Fridays in Lent

We invite you to join us for our Friday Evening Lenten Service from 16 February to 22 March, at 7.30pm. These Zoom services will follow the Order for Evening Prayer of the Daily Office for each of the respective Fridays. As with last year's Friday Lenten services, we will continue our reflection this year from the Book of Homilies of the Anglican Church in modern English, which includes teachings on true and living faith, faith and good works, and Christian love. A Lenten hymn will also be included that will help us to reflect on the love and mercy of God who sent his Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

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

Lenten Meditation – 'At The Foot Of The Cross'

Each year, the Diocese of West Malaysia produces a booklet called 'At The Foot Of The Cross' to help us reflect on the cross during the Lent season. The notes this year work through the Gospel of John (chapters 1-15 and 20:1-10) — starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

Click <u>here</u> 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 <a href="marker:strangle-strangl

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

<u>stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation</u> 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):

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12am-9.59am — RM 4.00 per entry
10am-11.59pm — RM 5.00 per entry
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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 either click the links here or follow the QR code by the entrances for each hall. Only admins will be able to post and to see the phone numbers of everyone in the group. You will get the order of service for the congregation you are in each week (with all the announcements within the document). Admins will carefully limit the number of other announcements sent out to avoid overloading your WhatsApp inbox.



Liturgical 7am



Liturgical 9am



Liturgical 11am



Liturgical Online



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