

SMACC Service

19 March 2023 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



Welcome & Prayer

Song: Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace
The beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground
To freedom from our sin

*Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than
Is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope
To serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save
Can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown
We labour in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home

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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: Leviticus 24:10-16

¹⁰ Now an Israelite woman's son, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel. And the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel fought in the camp, ¹¹ and the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the Name, and cursed. Then they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. ¹² And they put him in custody, till the will of the LORD should be clear to them.

¹³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁴ “Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵ And speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶ Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

Praise the LORD!

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: John 8:48-59

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Greeting Time

Song: No Other Name

There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are redeemed
Through whom Your grace abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord

*My joy in sorrow's tears
My strength to cast out fears
No other name
But Jesus Jesus
My hope in darkest night
My broken soul's delight
No other name
But Jesus Jesus*

There is no victory
But Jesus crucified
No other cure for sin
But that our Saviour died
No other hope we have
But that He rose again
He rose again

No other throne endures
No other song remains
But worthy is the Lamb
Who was for sinners slain
When every knee shall bow
And tongue confess You are Lord
You are Lord

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Sermon: The Third Commandment

Exodus 20:7

1. Old Testament

a. God's Name Revealed to Israel

Exodus 3:14; 34:6, 23:20-21, 1 Sam 17:45,
I Kings 8:16.

b. Keeping the Commandment for Israel

Exodus 20:7

1. False oaths in God's name (Leviticus 19:12)
2. Being irreverent with God's name
(Leviticus 24:10-16)
3. Bringing disgrace to God's name by their
actions (Leviticus 18:21)
4. Violating God's holiness (Leviticus 22:2-3)
5. Falsely claiming to speak for God
(Deuteronomy 18:20)

c. Israel's Failure and God's Promise

Amos 2:7; Ezekiel 43:8, Jeremiah 23:25;
Ezekiel 36:20-28

2. New Testament

a. God's Name Revealed in Jesus

Matthew 6:9; John 3:5; Ephesians 3:10;
John 8:24; Matthew 10:20; John 20:31;
Acts 4:12; Romans 10:13 (cf Joel 3:32)

b. Keeping the Commandment for Us

John 17:6

1. False oaths in God's name
(Matthew 5:33-37)
2. Being irreverent with God's name
(Revelation 13:6)
3. Bringing disgrace to God's name by our
actions (1 Timothy 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:19)
4. Violating God's holiness
5. Falsely claiming to speak for God
(1 Timothy 1:20)

c. Our Positive Purpose

Romans 1:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12;
Colossians 3:17; Philippians 1:8-9

Prayer 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

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: Who Would Have Thought

Who would have thought the schemes of man
could bring about our father's plans?

Who would have thought that rage and spite
would work for good and bring us life?

Who would have thought the cursed cross
sin's bitter wage, the hangman's tree
would be our joy and our delight
the flag, the glory of the free?

Lift high the cross, sing out Jesus' name

Lift it up, sing it out, it's God's power to save

Lift high the cross, sing out Jesus' name

Lift it up, sing it out, praise his glorious name!

Who would have thought the Lord of life
could lie so helpless in the grave?

Who would have thought that out of death
would come God's mighty power to save?

Who would have thought this broken heart
could be renewed and purified?
Praise be to Christ, this dying frame
will rise and gain eternal life!

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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.

Prayer of Response

Announcements

Song: Revive Us O Lord

Father we come to you now
Trusting again in your power
Humble and heal us this hour
In Jesus' name
Help us repent of our ways
Our failures in seeking your face
Open our hearts to your grace
This is our prayer

*Revive us, O Lord
Send forth your Spirit
Unsheathe your sword
And break through our chains
By the power of your word
Revive us, revive us, revive us, O Lord*

Idols have captured our land
We worship the works of our hands
Lord for too long we have built
Houses on sand
Teach us to number our days
Cause us to walk in your ways
Boldly proclaiming your praise
Until you come

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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). 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:

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

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

More information about our services can be found here:

stmarys.my/services

Carpark Booking

Please visit stmarys.my/booking to book a carpark on Sundays at the Cathedral, if you need to. There is also an option for you to indicate on the form that you would like to book a parking spot for 3 months. Your car plate number will then be given to the guards. Please note that you will only be allowed in if your car plate number is on the list given to the guards. 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.

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

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 can pick up their children after the 11.00 am church service ends.

For more information, you could speak to the Kids' Church teachers or email kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my

Church Camp

Our camp for the English Liturgical and SMACC congregations will be held from 28-30 September 2023. Please mark those dates in your calendar. More details to follow.

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, we will continue 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, 9 April 2023, at 2.30 pm. You can register using the form here: stmarys.my/findoutmore

Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday

Volunteers are needed to make palm crosses on Saturday, 1 April at 9.00 am in room GF6 (Fish Bowl). Those interested please inform the Cathedral Office on 03 2692 8672.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 15 April 2023 at 10.30 am 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 2022.

If you would like to check your status on the New Roll, please call the office on 03 2692 8672 during office hours from 13 until 24 March 2023 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 New Roll* as prepared by the Dean will be posted within the porch of the Cathedral on 31 March 2023. No name shall be entered and deleted from the Electoral Roll from 31 March and the close of the Annual General Meeting.

(*Notice was given on 4 December 2022 that the preparation of the new roll will begin on 18 December 2022)

Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF) AGM

The CWF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 25 March 2023 at 10.00 am physically in the MPH. All women of the Cathedral are invited to attend. Please register at stmarys.my/cwf.agm by Thursday, 23 March 2023.

Golden Circle AGM

Please be informed that the St Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle AGM will be held on Saturday, 25 March 2023 at 11.30 am at the Multi Purpose Hall. 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.

Volunteer with the Social Concerns Team

The Social Concerns Team of St Mary's Cathedral is the first point of referral for members and other St Mary's contacts who may require care, support and/or practical assistance, and seek to organize, facilitate and oversee these needs. This ministry is limited by the availability of more hands to assist with the various needs that arise. If you have a heart for people who are struggling and are willing and able to assist us, please consider and complete the form below to partner with us in any way you are able to show the love of Christ more practically:

stmarys.my/socialconcerns.volunteer

Fridays in Lent

We invite you to join us for our Friday Evening Lenten Service from 24 February to 31 March, at 7.00 - 8.00 pm. 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 Minor Prophets – starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

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

There are limited numbers of hardcopies of the booklet available at the Book Corner.

Turkiye-Syria Earthquake Relief Fund

If you would like to make a donation towards the relief and rebuilding work in Turkiye and Syria, you may send it to the Diocesan account:

Account Name: Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

Account Number: 5140 1139 4072 (Maybank)

For online transfer, kindly key in “Turkiye Earthquake” or “Syria Earthquake” under Reference

Please email your bank-in slip/transfer receipt to anglicandwm@gmail.com stating the name of the donor and the purpose of the donation “Turkiye Earthquake” or “Syria Earthquake”

Closing date for donations: 31 March 2023

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 to Jessica Hoh at the Book Corner.

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.

Music Ministry

If you are someone who is following Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, committed to serving him in St Mary's and interested in serving either in the choir or as an organist at the Liturgical services, please fill in the Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect or let the Cathedral Office know on 03 2692 8672. You will be contacted and furnished with more details by those in charge from the Cathedral.

Lost And Found

If you left something in the Cathedral, you can look for it at the 'Lost and Found' section in the Book Corner. Items will be kept for a month for people to claim before they are disposed of.

St Mary's Agape Mission School

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 9th 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. (Retired teachers are preferred).

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.

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.

Pastoral Needs

If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to make an appointment to talk to a pastor, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect or call the Cathedral Office on 03 2692 8672.

If you are a woman and there are pastoral matters you prefer 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 let us know in the same way – you can fill in a Connection Card at

stmarys.my/connect or call the Cathedral Office on 03 2692 8672.

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 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.

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

Starting from 16 April, the Youth Fellowship will meet on Sundays at 9.00 am in the GF3 room (the room between the Pantry and the Old Office).

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/youthconfirmation 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

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.