SMACC Service

2 February 2025 | 9am, 11am, 5pm



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Welcome & Prayer

Song: Calling All Sinners

All our unholiness all of our blame
All our dark secrets and all of our shame
All our pretending and all of our pride
It's time to come out
From where we hide

Calling all sinners
To come to this place
This mountain of mercy
This fountain of grace
Fall on His kindness
Come without cost
Calling all sinners
To come to the cross

All our achievements and all that we've gained Whatever status or fortune or fame It all counts for nothing and our only boast Is Christ crucified Our only hope

Calling all sinners
To come to this place
This mountain of mercy
This fountain of grace
Fall on His kindness
He's borne the cost
Calling all sinners
To come to the cross

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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: 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
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The Apostles' Creed

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.

Greeting Time

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:1-3, 15-21

¹ Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

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¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive

the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (SMACC 1 & 2)

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- O Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were

greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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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Sermon: Forgiving From The Heart

Matthew 18:21-35

- 1. Getting Even? Or Letting go? (v21-22)
- 2. Letting Go (v23-27)
- 3. Getting Even (v28-35)

Conclusion: Forgiving from the heart

Forgiveness is NOT

- i. Condoning Wrong
- ii. Trusting Implicitly

Forgiveness IS

- i. a grace-filled Process
- ii. Suffering

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

Song: Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

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Ministry Updates

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

Q&A

Song: Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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Closing and Grace

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

Amen.

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

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Connect with us

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

Giving

Online transfer

Bank name: Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd

Account name: St Mary's Cathedral

Account number: 312 142 334 691

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter your 3-

digit pledge number.

Otherwise, enter the service you

normally attend.

If giving to the Ministry Workers

Fund, please put "MWF".

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

E-wallet

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



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

Details on our webpage: stmarys.my/give.

Giving via Pledge Envelopes

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

Giving to the Ministry Workers Fund

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



Onsite and Online Services

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

- Liturgical Services 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services 9am (Wisma Anglican), 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.

Kids' Church

Please note that Kids' Church will not be held this Sunday, 2 February, and will resume on 9 February.

Opportunities to Serve

Do you have a heart for service and a desire to be part of a vibrant community? St Mary's Cathedral is looking for dedicated people to help us in various roles. If you're a regular at the Cathedral and would like to lend a hand, we encourage you to register your interest today! Simply visit stmarys.my/serve to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

Community Meal at the Cathedral

Next Community Meal: 9 February 2025

SMAGLOW 2025

SMAGLOW, our camp for the English congregations of the Cathedral, is happening from 1-3 May 2025 at Port Dickson Methodist Centre. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Banns of Marriage

I publish the banns of marriage between Lee Shang Hwah and Esther Liew Ai Peng, both of St Mary's Cathedral Kuala Lumpur.

This is the SECOND TIME of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why these persons may not marry each other, you are to declare to me.

Dean, Very Rev Dr Andrew Cheah

'Gospel Fluency' – Free eBook

In 'Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life', author Jeff Vanderstelt wants to help you connect with the way gospel truths actually matter to everyday life. He wants to help you overcome sin, fear, and insecurity, moving towards a more confident belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping you to help others do the same.

To get instant access to the 'Gospel Fluency' eBook, fill out the secure <u>form</u> at the Gospel Coalition website – a reputable organization that we encourage you to subscribe to its mailing list.

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/survey

Rest assured that we will be safeguarding the information and it will not be used for any commercial purposes.

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.

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 send a WhatsApp message to Janet Chan (017 213 3418) and she will contact you to discuss 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 always on the lookout for volunteers or anyone looking to sponsor a refugee child's education for the short / long term. No prerequisites required.

For more information, please contact Dr Mei Tan at agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my

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:stmarke

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 2091 4458.

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.

Carparking for Cathedral Services

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.

Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

Here are the weekend parking rates (Saturday & Sunday):

12am-9.59am — RM 4.00 per entry 10am-11.59pm — RM 5.00 per entry

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 join by clicking the links below. 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 9am



Liturgical 11am



Liturgical Online



SMACC 1



SMACC 2



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In Memoriam

Give thanks for the life of Mr Adrian Lee Jee Keng who passed away on 6 February 2024. Thank God for his promise that all who depart in the faith of Christ rest now in peace and will surely rise in glory.