

# **SMACC Service**

**2 October 2022 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm**



## **Welcome & Prayer**

### **Song: Praise To The Lord The Almighty**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things

So wondrously reigneth

Shelters thee under His wings

Yea so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been

Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for all we adore Him

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## Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup> And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, <sup>18</sup> and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:

<sup>19</sup> “Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!

    How the mighty have fallen!

<sup>20</sup> Tell it not in Gath,

    publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,  
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
    lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

<sup>21</sup> “You mountains of Gilboa,

    let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor fields of offerings!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,

    the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

<sup>22</sup> “From the blood of the slain,  
    from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan turned not back,  
    and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

<sup>23</sup> “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
    In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles;  
    they were stronger than lions.

<sup>24</sup> “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
    who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

<sup>25</sup> “How the mighty have fallen  
    in the midst of the battle!  
“Jonathan lies slain on your high places.

<sup>26</sup> I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
very pleasant have you been to me;  
    your love to me was extraordinary,  
surpassing the love of women.

<sup>27</sup> “How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!”

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

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

# Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

**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: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with  
his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

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

# **Sermon: Grief And Lament**

***2 Samuel 1:17-27***

**1. Introduction & Background**

**2. David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan**

**3. How this relates to us**

## Song: Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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## **Greeting Time**

## **Q&A**

## **Announcements**

# 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.**

# **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: I Will Trust You In The Darkness**

I will trust You in the darkness  
I will serve You in my pain  
I will worship in the wilderness  
And will follow to the end  
For You are the suffering shepherd  
And You know Your sheep by name  
So I will trust You in the darkness once again

*O Lord Jesus  
Saviour Brother Friend  
Come release us  
Lord come back again*

I'll believe Your word of comfort  
When the light of life grows dim  
I will heed Your voice at midnight  
When the tempests rage within  
I will cling to Christ my Saviour  
Who has borne my sorrow's sting  
And I will trust You in the darkness once again

I will praise Your name in winter  
When the skies are cold and grey  
I will feed upon Your promises  
And will cry to You each day  
I will lean upon Your Spirit  
And Your word will I obey  
Yes I will trust You in the darkness come what may

I will trust You in the darkness  
On Your faithfulness depend  
As I long for Your appearing  
And the day that never ends  
I will glory in the gospel  
And Your word of truth defend  
Yes I will trust You in the darkness once again  
Yes I will trust You in the darkness O my friend

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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

## Song: There Is A Higher Throne

There is a higher throne  
Than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
Will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
Made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace—  
Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;  
Their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.  
Their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,  
Strength, thanks, and honour are  
To God our King, who reigns on high  
Forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home,  
Our life before the throne;  
We'll honour Him in perfect song  
Where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
As thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;  
We'll reign with Him.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 – 11.00 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](http://stmarys.my/services)

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## Carpark Booking

Please visit [stmarys.my/booking](http://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.

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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](http://stmarys.my/volunteer)

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## Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings at 10.45 am. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Parents can pick up their children aged 5-12 at a time announced during the church service, while children aged 3-4 can be picked up 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](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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# **Ventilation Project**

We are thankful to God for all who have contributed in different ways to the project to replace the current air conditioning in the Main Cathedral with air conditioning that pumps in fresh air. This enables our building to have enough ventilation to remain safe, limiting aerosol spread for our elderly and more vulnerable people, while at the same time enabling us to close the doors and turn on the air condition.

You can still give financially towards it. If you would like to do so online you can transfer funds as below:

Bank name: Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd

Account name: St Mary's Cathedral

Account number: 312 142 334 691

Please make sure you put 'Building Fund' in the description.

If you would like to give a cheque, please put it in an envelope marked 'Building Fund' before putting it into the collection box in the Cathedral.

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# **The Golden Circle – Children’s Christmas Party**

The Golden Circle Committee is planning a Children’s Christmas Party for children from Rumah K.I.D.S. on Saturday, 26 November 2022. There will be about 40 children from the age of 2 to 17 years. We have planned some very interesting programme for them. Please call Mrs Thilly Abraham on 012 375 6165 if you would like more information on this event.

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## **Carolling**

If you love to sing and play the guitar, please consider joining our Christmas Carolling Group. Practices will take place weekly from October. Please let us know by filling in the Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](http://stmarys.my/connect)

If you have any questions about the above, please contact Joyce Yu on 012 225 5277.

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## **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](http://stmarys.my/connect) or let the Cathedral Office know on 011 5760 3484. You will be contacted and furnished with more details by those in charge from the Cathedral.

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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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## **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](http://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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## 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](http://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484.

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](http://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484.

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](http://stmarys.my/smallgroups) and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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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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## **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](http://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](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](http://stmarys.my/connect), indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.