SMACC Service

20 October 2024 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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Welcome & Prayer

Song: Worthy One

Hear the thousands upon thousands roar in song Singing praises to the slaughtered Lamb of God He is worthy, He is worthy

For His glory He has purchased us with blood All His people joined from every tribe and tongue He is worthy, He is worthy

Jesus, the Lamb upon the throne
Sing the triumph of our King
Jesus, all praise to You alone
You're the worthy, worthy One

Come, Lord Jesus; how we long to see Your face When our mourning turns to songs of endless praise You are worthy, You are worthy

All blessing, all honour, all glory, might and strength All power, dominion to the Lamb for sinners slain

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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 Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 29:1-6

¹ In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt; ³ speak, and say, Thus says the Lord GoD:

"Behold, I am against you,
Pharaoh king of Egypt,
the great dragon that lies
in the midst of his streams,
that says, 'My Nile is my own;
I made it for myself.'

4 I will put hooks in your jaws,
and make the fish of your streams stick to your scales;

and I will draw you up out of the midst of your streams,

with all the fish of your streams that stick to your scales.

⁵ And I will cast you out into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your streams; you shall fall on the open field, and not be brought together or gathered.

To the beasts of the earth and to the birds of the heavens

I give you as food.

⁶ Then all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 55:1-8

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

- ¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
- ² Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
- ³ because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked.
- For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.
- ⁴ My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- ⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.
- ⁶ And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;
- ⁷ yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;
- ⁸I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

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 12

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was

thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon

became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Greeting Time

Song: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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Sermon: World At War

Revelation 12

1. The characters and setting:

12:1-2 the Woman

12:3-4 the Dragon

12:5 the Child

12:6 the Period (1260/42/3.5)

Revelation 11:2 | Revelation 11:3 | Revelation 12:6 |

Revelation 12:14 | Revelation 13:5

2. The reality of the war:

12:7-12 The Dragon Thrown down

12:13-17 The Wrath of the Dragon

3. Implications for us:

To Recap:	(Rev 12:11) we conquer by
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(If you have questions regarding the sermon, please submit at stmarys.my/ask)

Song: It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
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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: O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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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 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: 20 October 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.

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!

Belonging

Belonging is our orientation programme for people who have recently started coming to our services. If you are new with us, please do come along to find out more about our church, what it means to belong to God's kingdom, and how that is expressed in our local church.

Date: Saturday, 2 November 2024

Time: 10am-3pm (Lunch provided)

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral KL

Register: stmarys.my/belonging

(Please register by Wednesday, 30 October 2024)

Just For Starters

Just for Starters is a course that helps you to establish a deeper relationship with God through exploring truths found in the Bible and what it teaches about living for Christ in our world today.

It can also double up as part of our Adult Baptism preparation. This course is also part 1 of our Adult Confirmation Programme.

When you sign up for this course, you will be paired up with someone who will work through the 7 studies with you. The default time is 2.00 pm on Sunday afternoons, beginning 3 November 2024 – but you can always change it to a time that is convenient for you, once you are paired up with your mentor.

Click on this link to register: stmarys.my/jfs

Combined All Saints' and All Souls' Day Service

Our Combined All Saints' and All Souls' Day Services will be held on Friday, 1 November 2024 at 7.30am and 7.30pm. The 7.30am service will take place by Zoom, and will be our usual Daily Office. You are welcome to join us at stmarys.my/dailyoffice. The 7.30pm service will be held at the Cathedral.

If you would like to add the name of those whom you would like us to remember with thanksgiving at the onsite 7.30pm service, please fill in the form at stmarys.my/remembrance or call the Cathedral Office at 03 2692 8672.

CWF: Family Trivia Afternoon

Did you know that all the voices of the Minions in every Minion movie are provided by one person? Did you know the bible has 1,189 chapters?

Date: Sunday, 20 October 2024

Time: 2pm

Venue: MPH

Join CWF for an afternoon of fellowship and fun trivia questions for the whole family! Open to all ages and congregations!

Note: You can register for a group of 4, or come and we will help you find a team.

Sign up at stmarys.my/cwf

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Cheah at 012 225 5277.

Golden Circle: Fund-Raising Co-Operative Cook In Breakfast Sale

The Golden Circle Breakfast Sale is scheduled for Sunday, 10 November 2024. This will be a Fund-Raising Co-Operative Cook In Breakfast Sale for the upcoming Senior Citizen's Christmas High Tea to be held here at St Mary's on Saturday, 14 December. We plan to bring our Seniors who are house-bound or have not been to church in a long time for a time of fellowship over tea.

We will be serving home cooked

- Nasi Lemak
- Noodles

- On the spot thosai with Dhall & Chutney
- Popiah homemade condiments and wrapped on the spot
- Toasted Sandwich and many more home cooked dishes.

Please do come and patronize our breakfast corner and support this ministry. We acknowledge and thank you all for your generosity & support

Diocesan Ordination Service

Please pray for those who are getting ordained or commissioned at the upcoming Diocesan Ordination service.

Date: Monday, 28 October 2024

Time: 4pm

Venue: Church Of the Holy Spirit, Ipoh

Register <u>here</u>.

Diocesan Senior Citizen's Day Celebration

The UCA Golden Circle Diocesan Senior Citizen's Day Celebration will be hosted by SMC Golden Circle Committee. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday, 26 October 2024

Time: 9am-2pm

Venue: MPH

Programme begins with HC Service at 9.30am followed by Health Talk by a Cardiologist & Dietitian from IJN. There will also be health screening by staff from IJN. All Seniors are encouraged to come and benefit. Please call Mrs Thilly Abraham at 017 816 6165, latest by 15 October.

Anglican Messenger

The October 2024 issue of the Diocesan newsletter, the Anglican Messenger, can be downloaded here.

Drive & Discover Kuala Langat: Charity Treasure Hunt

Gear up for an epic adventure! Join St Thomas Church, Banting's upcoming Motor Treasure Hunt in search for hidden gems all around Kuala Langat and exciting winning prizes to grab!

Date: 23 November 2024

Location: Dewan Sri Jugra Banting, Kuala Langat

Fee: RM600/car (Max 4pax/car)

Register here by 1 November 2024

Nepali Ministry

We are looking for doctors among us who are able to conduct general medical check-ups for our Nepali brothers and sisters in Shah Alam. If you are able to volunteer, please contact John Siwakoti at 018 204 7045.

Ministry Partners News 2024

We are excited to share this new annual booklet in which you can read about the ministries that take place in St Mary's Cathedral and learn about how you can be

involved in this gospel partnership. Download the booklet

here: stmarys.my/mpn

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.

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.

As a number of students are resettling in the next few months, if anyone has cold weather clothes you no longer need and wish to give them away, 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.

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.

Car Sign for Road Closures

You can pick up a car sign at the back of the Jubilee Hall to let the police know that you are heading to the church and you will be let through in case there are road closures on Sundays. This is not an entry pass but simply a sign to facilitate communication with the police.

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.

