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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: Sing

Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke  
And does your heart still beat?  
Is the mighty Word of the living God  
Upholding you? Then sing, O sing

Has the Father's love filled your longing heart  
With grace for every need?  
Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet  
And find new strength to sing, O sing

*Morning and evening! Everything breathing  
Must sing, O sing!  
All of creation rise up and praise  
The King of kings and sing!*

Has the Son of God died to take away  
Your sin and set you free?  
Has the Conqueror trampled over death?  
Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing!

On the final day when the Lord on High  
Returns in majesty  
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb  
And evermore the saints will sing  
Yes, evermore the saints will sing!

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# The Apostles' Creed

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
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: Nehemiah 5

<sup>1</sup> Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. <sup>2</sup> For there were those who said, “With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive.” <sup>3</sup> There were also those who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine.” <sup>4</sup> And there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. <sup>5</sup> Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards.”

<sup>6</sup> I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. <sup>7</sup> I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, “You are exacting interest, each from his brother.” And I held a great assembly against them <sup>8</sup> and said to them, “We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your

brothers that they may be sold to us!” They were silent and could not find a word to say. <sup>9</sup> So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? <sup>10</sup> Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. <sup>11</sup> Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.” <sup>12</sup> Then they said, “We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say.” And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. <sup>13</sup> I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, “So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labour who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied.” And all the assembly said “Amen” and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

<sup>14</sup> Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food

allowance of the governor. <sup>15</sup> The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. <sup>16</sup> I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. <sup>17</sup> Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. <sup>18</sup> Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. <sup>19</sup> Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.

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

*All:*       **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 15

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
and speaks truth in his heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbour,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honours those who fear the LORD;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

<sup>5</sup> who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

*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 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup> After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

<sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

<sup>3</sup> Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

<sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” <sup>5</sup> And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”



<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure” —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” <sup>10</sup> Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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

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

## **Greeting Time**

# Song: Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

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# **Sermon: Building The Wall: The People Cry Out**

## ***Nehemiah 5***

### **1. Introduction**

- a. Why have this narrative here?

### **2. The People Cry Out (v1-5)**

### **3. Nehemiah Addresses the People (v6-9)**

### **4. The Response of the People (v10-13)**

## 5. Nehemiah's Example (v14-19)

## 6. Application

- a. Caring for God's People
  
- b. Looking Forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb

*(If you have questions regarding the sermon, please submit at [stmarys.my/ask](http://stmarys.my/ask))*

# 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: Come People Of The Risen King**

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all

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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: When Christ Our Life Appears**

When Christ our life appears, our hope will be complete  
Our longings finally rest as we fall at His feet  
When Jesus comes to reign, restoring everything  
Our tears will turn to tides of praises to our King  
We're longing for that day when we'll see

*Christ, our Saviour*

*We'll behold the glory of our King forever*

*Christ, our Saviour*

*Faith will turn to sight when Christ our life appears*

When Christ our life appears, the curse will be undone  
All wickedness will end as mercy overcomes  
The Saviour will renew what sin had torn apart  
His light will drive the shadows from our weary hearts  
We're longing for that day when we'll see

When Christ our life appears, these trials that weighed us  
down  
Will fade and fall away as He receives our crowns  
And death will disappear, its rule and reign destroyed  
Beneath the weight of glory and eternal joy  
We're longing for that day when we'll see

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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](https://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**

### E-wallet

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



## SMACC

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](https://stmarys.my/give).

### **Giving via Pledge Envelopes**

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

## Onsite and Online Services

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

- Liturgical Services – 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 11am, 5pm

If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9am.

More information about our services can be found here: [stmarys.my/services](http://stmarys.my/services).

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## 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](https://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.

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## **Community Meal**

Next Community Meal: 11 August 2024

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## 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](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my) or speak to our Kids' Church teachers for further information.

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## 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](http://stmarys.my/serve) to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

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# Cathedral Women's Fellowship Talk: Intimacy

We are designed for relationships, but sometimes struggle most with those we are closest to. Come and explore the problems and promise of intimacy and find hope for our relationships with friends, husbands, and God himself.

Date: Saturday, 3 August 2024

Time: 9.30am - 2.00pm

Venue: MPH, St Mary's Cathedral

Fee: RM10 (for lunch)

Speakers: Judi Cheah and Frances Lim (clinical psychologist)

Note: Only for women ages 18 and above.

If interested, please register here: [stmarys.my/cwf](https://stmarys.my/cwf)

If you need more information, please contact Judi Cheah (012 375 7694).

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## SMAGLOW 2024: Prayers of Pilgrimage

SMAGLOW, our camp for the English congregations of the Cathedral, is happening from 15-17 September in Ancasa Residences, Port Dickson! Our speaker, Rev. John Warner,

will take us through the Psalms and how it can be a source of encouragement for us daily through the different seasons of our lives.

Camp fees are subsidised by the church and are priced at RM420 per person for a twin room sharing with different rates for children pending their ages. If anyone needs an extra mattress, it is RM300 per adult/child.

The camp form and details are available at [stmarys.my/smaglow](https://stmarys.my/smaglow), which will be updated from time to time. We are also looking for volunteers in some areas. Do check out the website above for more details. If anyone has any questions, can reach out to the organisers via [smaglow@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:smaglow@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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## **Klang Valley Bible Conference (KVBC)**

KVBC is an annual platform to encourage godliness through faithful Bible exposition. This year's theme is "The Spirit of Truth" with Dr. Peter Jensen as the speaker.

Date: 5-7 August 2024 (Monday – Wednesday)

Time: 7.30-10pm

Venue: Hall 1, Dream Centre PJ

Register for the free conference [here](#).

# 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](http://stmarys.my/mpn)

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## 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](http://stmarys.my/survey2024)

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

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## **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](https://stmarys.my/building).

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## **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](https://stmarys.my/seminars).

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## **Golden Circle: Chair Exercise**

The Golden Circle conducts a fitness programme for seniors at the Cathedral. Movements consist of chair exercises to strengthen and tone muscles, improve balance, improve lung function, and improve circulation and cardiac function.

Day: Fridays

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Venue: MPH

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto:agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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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 7.30am 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](https://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.

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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 member of the pastoral team, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office at 011 5760 3484.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 5762 8524.

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## 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](https://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 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](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/youthbaptismconfirmation](http://stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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## 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

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](https://stmarys.my/dataran).

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

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## 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.



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[Liturgical 9am](#)



[Liturgical 11am](#)



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