### **SMACC Service**

#### 22 December 2024 | 9am, 11am, 5pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

## Song: All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia

And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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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: Reformation Hymn**

We will trust God's Word alone Where His perfect will is known Our traditions shift like sand While His Truth forever stands

We will live by faith alone
Clothed in merit not our own
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And His finished sacrifice

Glory be, glory be to God alone
Through the church
He redeemed and made His own
He has freed us, He will keep us
Till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone Undeserved, yet freely shown No accomplishment on earth Can achieve the second birth

We will stand on Christ alone The unyielding Cornerstone Nations rage and devils roar Still he reigns forevermore!

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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: Isaiah 65:17-25**

- <sup>17</sup> "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
- and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
- for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
- <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
- no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
- No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days,
- for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

- for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- <sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain or bear children for calamity,
- for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
- <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 87

A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. A Song.

- <sup>1</sup> On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
- <sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorious things of you are spoken,O city of God.
- <sup>4</sup> Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;

behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush— "This one was born there," they say.

- <sup>5</sup> And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there."
- <sup>7</sup> Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

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 21:1-22:5**

<sup>21:1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually

immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death."

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length

and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup> He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. <sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Greeting Time**

### Song: Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross

Now no longer breathing

Dust that formed the watching crowds

Takes the blood of Jesus

Feel the earth is shaking now

See the veil is split in two

And He stood before the wrath of God

Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us

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**Revelation 21:1-22:5** 

1. God's People

2. God's Promise

3. God's Purpose

(If you have questions regarding the sermon, please submit at <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/ask">stmarys.my/ask</a>)

## Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley He will lead

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For He has said that He will bring me home

And day by day I know He will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to Him

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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: Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

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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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/connect">stmarys.my/connect</a>.

### **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: <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/give">stmarys.my/give</a>.

### **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: <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/services">stmarys.my/services</a>.

#### Cathedral Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms at the Cathedral. Parents may pick up their children after the 11am church services ends. Please email <a href="mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my">kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my</a> 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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/serve">stmarys.my/serve</a> 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: 12 January 2025

#### **Christmas and New Year Services**

We invite you to join us for our services this Christmas, as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Information on our Christmas and New Year services can be found on this webpage: <a href="mailto:stmax">stmarys.my/christmas</a>

#### Kids' Christmas Eve Service

St Mary's Cathedral invites you to our annual Kids' Christmas Eve service, 'Born Is The King!'. Families and guests, please join us for a fun-filled service, where we'll get to see familiar faces of our very own members of Kids' Church participating in service!

Date: Tuesday, 24 December 2024

Time: 5.00-6.30 pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral KL

### **Hope Explored**

Hope Explored is a 3-session course that helps you to explore the great longings in life: for hope, for peace and for purpose. Do join us to find out what the gospel of Luke says about these longings.

Please join us in-person for 3 Sunday afternoons from 5 January 2025, at 1.30 pm. A simple lunch will be served. You can register using the form here:

stmarys.my/findoutmore

#### The Cathedral Electoral Roll

### Joining the Electoral Roll

We encourage all our baptised and confirmed members who come regularly to our church to be on our Electoral Roll. Joining the Electoral Roll will enable you to vote at our Annual General Meetings (AGM).

If you would like to sign up to be on the roll, please fill in the form here: <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/electoralroll.enrolment">stmarys.my/electoralroll.enrolment</a>

The electoral roll for 2025 will close on 31 December 2024.

#### Notice of revision of roll

The Electoral Roll shall be revised annually by the Dean in accordance with Schedule B of the Constitution of Diocese of West Malaysia. Notice is hereby given that the intended revision will begin on 1 January 2025.

## **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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/building">stmarys.my/building</a>.

### **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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/seminars">stmarys.my/seminars</a>.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my">agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my</a>

### 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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/dailyoffice">stmarys.my/dailyoffice</a> 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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/smallgroups">stmarys.my/smallgroups</a> 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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/youth">stmarys.my/youth</a>.

## **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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/booking">stmarys.my/booking</a> 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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/dataran">stmarys.my/dataran</a>.

# **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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.my/connect">stmarys.my/connect</a>, 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 7am** 



**Liturgical 9am** 



**Liturgical 11am** 



**Liturgical Online** 



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