

# SMACC Service

28 April 2024 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: We Declare

We are his kingdom we are his bride  
For us he paid the price  
For us he bled and died  
We are his people his treasured prize  
For us he conquered sin  
For he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing  
With thankfulness we will sing

*So we declare the praises  
Of Jesus Saviour and King  
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah  
And now we stand as his church  
Until the day when he comes in glory Hallelujah*

We are a priesthood beloved ones  
He draws the scattered near  
He builds his kingdom here  
A holy nation now set apart  
To be his hands and feet  
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing  
Adopted now we are his

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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: Forgiven

Lord, forgive us for our pride  
When our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide  
All the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters  
For the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other  
And lay down our stones

*Forgiven, forgiven  
Through the blood of Christ  
We are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love  
Of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above  
For all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters  
We do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure  
Is in You alone

Lord, forgive us for our shame  
When we can't release the past  
When we're quick to take the blame  
But forget we're free at last  
We avoid Your sons and daughters  
For the fear we don't belong  
Give us eyes to see each other  
Through Your only Son

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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: Jeremiah 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD,

“I remember the devotion of your youth,  
your love as a bride,  
how you followed me in the wilderness,  
in a land not sown.

<sup>3</sup> Israel was holy to the LORD,  
the firstfruits of his harvest.

All who ate of it incurred guilt;  
disaster came upon them,  
declares the LORD.”

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the clans of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“What wrong did your fathers find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthlessness, and became worthless?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, ‘Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that none passes through,  
where no man dwells?’

<sup>7</sup> And I brought you into a plentiful land  
to enjoy its fruits and its good things.

But when you came in, you defiled my land  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, ‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the shepherds transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal  
and went after things that do not profit.

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

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



# Psalm 31:1-8

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!**  
**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!**

<sup>3</sup> For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> **you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

<sup>6</sup> **I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress of my soul,

**<sup>8</sup> and you have not delivered me into the hand of the  
enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

*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 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup> “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

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

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

# Greeting Time

## Song: Revive Us, O Lord

Father we come to you now  
Trusting again in your power  
Humble and heal us this hour  
In Jesus' name  
Help us repent of our ways  
Our failures in seeking your face  
Open our hearts to your grace  
This is our prayer

*Revive us, O Lord  
Send forth your Spirit  
Unsheathe your sword  
And break through our chains  
By the power of your word  
Revive us, revive us, revive us, O Lord*

Idols have captured our land  
We worship the works of our hands  
Lord for too long we have built  
Houses on sand  
Teach us to number our days  
Cause us to walk in your ways  
Boldly proclaiming your praise  
Until you come

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# **Sermon: Ephesus: Returning to First Love**

## ***Revelation 2:1-7***

### **1. The Letter from Jesus (v1)**

- i. To the Angel of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ write
- ii. The words of him who  
<appellation from Revelation 1>

**[Principle 1] Jesus is Lord over his Church.**

### **2. To The Ephesians**

- iii. I know your <attributes & actions> (v2-3)
- iv. But I have this against you (v4)
- v. Therefore, <Command to respond, repent> (v5-6)

**[Principle 2] Our Love for God begins at the Gospel.**

### **3. For the Whole Church (v7)**

- vi. He who has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.
- vii. To the one who conquers,  
<promise from Revelation 22>

**[Principle 3] The Church conquers by obeying the Spirit.**

**[Main Idea] Loving the Lord Jesus in truth is not optional for his Church.**

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

## Song: My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now



# 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: Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

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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: 19 May 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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## Tuesday Night Training

Tuesday Night Training (TNT) is a good and systematic way for all of us to keep studying God's Word and to be trained for ministry. The second term for 2024 begins on 14 May.

Theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, Prayer Book and Romans. There is also a Christian Living course entitled 'Where To, Lord?'

If you are new to TNT, we encourage you to consider taking our Bible Overview course. This is a great way to learn how the whole Bible fits together and points to Jesus.

Find out more about the courses and register here:

[stmarys.my/tnt](https://stmarys.my/tnt)

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## Church Camp (SMAGLOW)

Our camp for the English Liturgical and SMACC congregations will be held from 15-17 September (Sunday – Tuesday) at Ancasa Residences, Port Dickson. Please mark those dates in your calendar. More details to follow.

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# 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](#).

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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](https://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 contact Janet Chan (017 213 3418) for 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 now in its 10<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 at 012 387 3408. (Retired teachers are preferred.)

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9am-12pm and/or 1-3pm 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 7.30am 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](https://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](https://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](https://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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