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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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The Nicene Creed (SMACC 1)

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Commissioning of a Pastoral Worker (SMACC 1)

Baptism (SMACC 2)

The Declaration

Minister:

Those who come to be baptised must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil – the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world and the sinful desires of the flesh.

Therefore, *N*, I ask you these questions:

Minister: Do you turn to Christ?

Candidate: **I turn to Christ.**

Minister: Do you repent of your sins?

Candidate: **I repent of my sins.**

Minister: Do you renounce evil?

Candidate: **I renounce evil.**

Minister:

You must now declare before God and his church the Christian faith into which you are to be baptised and in which you will live and grow.

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

Candidate: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister: Do you believe and trust in his Son,
Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?

Candidate: **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.**

Minister: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

Candidate: **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.**

Minister: This is the faith of the church:

All: **This is our faith:
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Prayer by Minister

The Baptism

Minister: N, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Charge

Minister:

I sign you with the cross the sign of Christ.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All:

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil. And continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life.

Minister:

God has received you into his church:

All:

We welcome you into the Lord's family.

We are members together of the body of Christ;

We are children of the same heavenly Father.

We are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God.

We welcome you.

Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 6

¹ Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ² Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. ³ And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” ⁴ And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵ In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶ In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. ⁷ And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.” ⁸ Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.” ⁹ For they

all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰ Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” ¹¹ But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” ¹² And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴ Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell

greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

¹⁷ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.

¹⁸ For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. ¹⁹ Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² **many are saying of my soul,**

“There is no salvation for him in God.”

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ **I cried aloud to the LORD,**

and he answered me from his holy hill.

⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ **I will not be afraid of many thousands of people**

who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O LORD!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ **Salvation belongs to the LORD;**

your blessing be on your people!

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: Luke 12:4-7

⁴ “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.

⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Greeting Time

Song: My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

When the enemy surrounds
And my heart grows faint within
When the darkness overwhelms
And my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You O Lord
In the silence I will wait
I will stand upon Your Word

*You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You*

You're my stronghold and my shield
In the midst of every threat
Though the wicked never yield
They will vanish like a breath
Yes I know the outcome's sure
Satan's evil plans will fail
In Your power I'm secure

*You're my solid rock and my salvation
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken
My refuge and my sure foundation
My soul will wait my soul will wait for You*

This is love I can't explain
This is mercy unreserved
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved
For the battle has been won
And I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone

Pouring out our hearts before You
We will trust in You
Perfect Savior strong Defender
We will trust in You

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Sermon

Nehemiah 6

(If you have questions regarding the sermon, please submit at stmarys.my/ask)

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

All: **Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,
We admit that we have sinned against you
In thought, speech and action,
And deserve your just punishment.
We truly repent and are sorry
for what we have done.
Have mercy on us, merciful Father.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past,
And enable us to serve and please you
in a fresh way,
To the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Song: Hymn Of The Saviour (Verses 1 & 2)

From the chaos of darkness, your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection, the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made, a blessing you gave
To a people of your name
For this broken world, a saviour foretold
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly saviour descended his throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption, he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love, burst forth from the grave
Proclaiming the victor's won

The Lord's Supper

The Minister prays:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
We thank you that in your love and mercy,
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to die on the cross for our redemption.

We thank you that by offering himself once for all,
he made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin
and completely satisfied your holiness,
justice and love.

And he instructed us to remember his death together
until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father,
and grant that by your Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink this bread and wine,
according to our Lord's command
may remember his death for us with faith,
trusting in him alone for our salvation
and so share in his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, “Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

All: **Amen.**

The Minister says:

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Song: Hymn Of The Saviour (Verse 3)

At the end of the ages, the world passed away
I will gaze on my saviour's face
When my heart is perfected, and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise, the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry, 'Glory to God'
Forever his praise we'll sing

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Prayer of Response

Q&A

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Song: Ancient Of Days

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

For my God is the Ancient of Days

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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 **“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.

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.



MWF

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: 11 August 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!

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

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

Sunday Afternoon Live with Dr Peter Jensen

Please join us as we interview Dr Peter Jensen, the former Archbishop of Sydney on Sunday, 4 August, 2.30-4pm at the Cathedral. Interview topics: Why I am a Christian, Following Jesus in Old Age, Loving God with your Mind, Being Faithful in Ministry.

An Overview of the Book of Revelation

Rev Dr Michael Jensen, the rector of St Mark's Church in Sydney and former lecturer at Moore College, will be giving an overview of the book of Revelation on Sunday, 11 August, 2.30-4pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome.

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, 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

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

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.

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

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 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 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 stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation 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):

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.

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.



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[Liturgical 9am](#)



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